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Goalie Pete Peeters' first season with Boston Bruins was a smashing success. Posting 40 victories, he led the Bruins to a first-place finish in the combined NHL standings for 1982-83. He was all-star netminder, received the Vezina Trophy for the best netminding job in the business, and was runner-up in Hart Trophy voting for the NHL's most valuable performer. Just 26, he joined Boston in a 1982 trade that sent Brad McCrimmon, a defenceman, to Philadelphia Flyers.

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PART ONE

ONLY FROM CANADA? NO, NOT ANYMORE

The significance for hockey was twofold when Rod Langway earned recognition this year as the most proficient athlete employed on defence anywhere in professional competition.

Langway's emergence symbolized — and, in no small degree, led to — the rise of the Washington Capitals as National Hockey League contenders, finally, after eight seasons of failure, and a breathtaking brush with extinction.

More importantly, Langway was in the vanguard of the many Americans (and Swedes, Finns and Czechs) who were loosening Canada's traditional stranglehold on the sport at its highest levels.

He is the first U.S.-trained player to claim a major NHL award since World War II.

And you should remember, for purposes of this essay, that prominent Americans of the 1930s were genuine NHL oddities. Top rookies Mike Karakas and Frank Brimsek were products of a Canada-like district of frigid Minnesota.

Langway was born in a U.S. community on Taiwan and received his hockey instruction at the University of New Hampshire, where he started out playing football. He is a phenomenon that's sure to be repeated with increasing frequency.

Maybe the historic flip-flop actually began at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

There, a team of youthful U.S. skaters managed to do what the best Canadian pros had been proving incapable of: they upset the Soviet Union and captured the gold medals.

Several of the triumphant Olympians went directly into NHL jobs and one, defenceman Ken Morrow, assumed a

major role in New York Islanders' Cup victory that same spring.

Suddenly, NHL scouts began examining U.S. rinks with a lot more care and Bobby Carpenter, a high school boy from the Boston area, was the third junior taken out of the 1981 amateur draft. He and Langway are teammates now in Washington.

The graduating class of 18-year-olds in 1982 included another high school gem, this one from Minnesota. Phil Housley, who didn't turn 19 until his initial NHL term was almost over, was named the best freshman defender in the entire pro circuit.

Other rookie all-stars, by the way, represented a growing horde of outstanding young European imports — Philadelphia goalie Pelle Lindbergh and Montreal left winger Mats Naslund, both from Sweden. And another new Buffalo rearguard, Finlander Hannu Virta, was almost as good as Housley.

Housley had been the sixth junior drafted in '82. Last summer's first was Brian Lawton, a schoolboy centre from Rhode Island. Minnesota North Stars claimed him.

Islanders, choosing third, picked high-scoring Pat LaFontaine, a Detroiter who had moved to Quebec to line up with Verdun juniors. For them, he had 234 points in only 70 games.

As further evidence, a pair of brothers from Minnesota led their respective NHL teams in scoring last season — Neal Broten totalled 77 points (32 goals, 45 assists) for North Stars and Aaron made 55 for New Jersey Devils.

"The whole trend augurs very well for our future in the U.S.," says NHL president John Ziegler. "The fact that every club has Americans occupying important positions is bound to heighten interest. And each new American player who comes along broadens the spectator and customer base.

"Initially, hockey was perceived as being almost totally Canadian. There was nothing wrong with that, of course,

but it was limiting. Then, Swedes like Borje Salming and Kent Nilsson, Czechs like Vaclav Nedomansky and the Stastny brothers, and Finns like Jari Kurri gave us an international look. Now the greatest area of growth, as far as fresh talent is concerned, is in the U.S.”

The influence of American coaches, such as Herb Brooks (New York Rangers) and Bob Johnson (Calgary Flames) mustn't be downplayed, either.

New look and all, the NHL embarked on its 1983-84 campaign with one question superceding all others: Can the Islanders put away a fifth Stanley Cup triumph in succession?

“In a lot of ways, our fourth last spring was the sweetest,” coach Al Arbour said, “because we went through such a difficult season before winning it. We were in-and-out all year, so it was twice as satisfying when we finally got our act together and played so well in the Stanley Cup tournament.”

Logic, and the law of averages, decree that Arbour's slump-ridden heroes will bounce back and be better next time around.

“If they're not, we have a flock of excellent kids ready to step in and pick up the slack,” noted general manager Bill Torrey. “You must have that depth and flexibility because the league is getting stronger all the way down the line.”

Here's an illustration of what Torrey meant: in 1973, his Long Island outfit, new to the NHL, finished 90 points behind first-place Montreal. Ten years later, the spread from leading Boston to trailing Pittsburgh was only 45 points.

It seems likely that kind of balance will continue and probably close up even further, because the bottom clubs like Pittsburgh, New Jersey and Detroit seem to have bolstered themselves for the future.

The new season shapes up much as outlined here.

CLARENCE CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division

Chicago
 Minnesota
 Toronto
 St. Louis
 Detroit

Smythe Division

Edmonton
 Winnipeg
 Calgary
 Vancouver
 Los Angeles

PRINCE OF WALES CONFERENCE

Adams Division

Boston
 Buffalo
 Montreal
 Quebec
 Hartford

Patrick Division

N.Y. Islanders
 N.Y. Rangers
 Philadelphia
 Washington
 Pittsburgh
 New Jersey

Each of the 21 teams plays an 80-game schedule, with those in the Adams, Smythe and Norris groups having eight matches (four home, four away) against each of its four divisional mates (32), plus three against each of the other 16 clubs in the league (48).

In the case of those three dates with the outside 16, teams play once at home and twice on the road or vice versa, alternating the extra trips on an annual basis.

The six members of the Patrick Division face each other seven times (35), and have three meetings apiece with the remaining 15 teams (45). Again, extra home matches are alternated season by season.

So it works out to 40 here and 40 there for everybody, with all points earned to count in the standings. That means two for a victory, one for a tie. And there'll be fewer stalemates from now on because the NHL has instituted five minutes of overtime play when teams are tied after the regulation 60 minutes. First goal wins, but the split stands if there's no score in those 300 extra seconds.

Sixteen clubs qualify for the post-season Stanley Cup tournament, the top four from each division.

The initial Cup round features divisional competition that pits the first-place finisher against the fourth and second against third in best-of-five sets. The survivors remain in their respective divisions and play best-of-seven finals.

Group champions then face off for the conference titles, again best-of-seven.

And then the conference winners meet for the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the world professional championship.

The 1983 showdown matched the Islanders, Patrick Division runners-up, and Edmonton Oilers. Look for an encore in '84, with the Oilers making a far better showing than they did in last spring's hasty and somewhat embarrassing exit. Rallying 'round the incomparable Wayne Gretzky, they are hockey's rising power.

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PART TWO

THE NATIONAL HOCKEY
LEAGUE, 1983-84

BOSTON BRUINS



The best is yet to come

1982-83 Finish: First in Adams and NHL.

Strengths: Young, superb defensively, improving.

Weaknesses: None to speak of.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Top of Adams.

There was one amazing aspect to the way Boston Bruins dominated the National Hockey League all through the 1982-83 season, undeniably No. 1.

It was this: Bruins led the way despite losing three of their most important players for extended periods.

Sophomore winger Normand Leveille suffered a brain hemorrhage, almost died, and had his career ended after only 75 NHL games in all. For his team, it was a demoralizing, as well as crippling, setback.

Steve Kasper, the NHL's best defensive forward a year earlier, damaged a shoulder and missed almost the entire campaign.

And sparkplug Terry O'Reilly required extensive knee surgery after only 19 matches and never returned to the line-up.

"It's a real credit to the rest of the club that we were able to overcome those jolts," said coach Gerry Cheevers. "As a general rule, you'd say no team could lose three first-stringers and survive. We didn't just get by, either; we did really well."

It was just too much, though, when defence veteran Mike Milbury fractured a kneecap near the end of the schedule. Bruins were able to win Stanley Cup rounds over Quebec Nordiques and Buffalo Sabres but without Milbury, couldn't hold off New York Islanders in the Wales Conference final.

"On the basis of everything that happened, though, you'd have to be pretty optimistic about our future," Cheevers observed. "First of all, we have Milbury, O'Reilly and Kasper coming back, in good health.

"A lot of our younger fellows proved something about themselves by coming through when the need was really great.

"And because of the injuries, of course, we were forced to develop some kids more quickly than we had intended.

"So all in all, going into a new season, we're in pretty great shape."

At the same time, too, Bruins had gone from being one of the oldest NHL outfits to inclusion among the youngest, thanks to a wholesale rebuilding program carried out by general manager Harry Sinden. He broke in three rookie regulars last season, to say nothing of back-up goalie Mike Moffat, and still led the league standings. And many of Boston's key men, such as Barry Pederson and Ray Bourque, are barely out of their teens.

As Cheevers mentioned, the future can best be described with one word: Bright.

Ray Bourque

"I've got to say it. Ray Bourque is incredible," says Boston coach Gerry Cheevers. "He came into this league as a 19-year-old in 1979, and ever since that day has been one of the best defencemen there is. It was as if he'd been born experienced.

"I think he was a bit better than ever last season, actually, because he was a little lighter and therefore somewhat quicker and more mobile."

Bourque was a No. 1 all-star as a rookie in the 1979-80 season and repeated all-star honors two years later. In his

other terms, as a sophomore and again last winter, he made the second team.

"He was one of our leading scorers, with 73 points," Cheevers noted, "and he had our best plus-minus figure, 49.

"What frightens you is he's only 23. What's he going to be like when he grows up?"

Rick Middleton

When Boston Bruins got Rick Middleton in 1976, all he wanted to do was score goals.

"He was lazy," says coach Gerry Cheevers, Bruins' goalie at that time. "It was Don Cherry who got after him and made him into a two-way player. Today, defensively, he's just about the best right winger in the NHL. And because of that, he has become an even bigger scorer than he was before."

Runner-up in the 1981-82 all-star voting, Middleton was third last spring. He won the '82 Lady Byng Trophy for combining effectiveness with good behavior. Last year, he was second to Mike Bossy.

But there really wasn't much difference between the two campaigns. His goal total slipped from 51 to 49 but his points rose, 94 to 96. His penalties dropped, from six minors to four.

"That sort of sums him up," Cheevers comments. "He's consistent."

Barry Pederson

"When people talk about 22-year-old centres, it's always Wayne Gretzky or Denis Savard," says Bruins' general manager, Harry Sinden.

"Well, I'd like to put in a word for Barry Pederson of our club. He doesn't seem to get much publicity, but his credentials should impress you. I think he rates right with the other two."

Pederson had 107 points last season and among his 46 goals were 10 which brought about Boston victories. He

was fourth in all-star voting behind (you guessed it) Gretzky, Savard, and 27-year-old Peter Stastny.

Sinden had taken Pederson in the 1980 draft but left him in Victoria, B.C., for a final instructional junior year. As a rookie pro, he accumulated 92 NHL points and, improving in every way, added 15 to that total as a second-year man.

Mike O'Connell

It remains a controversial exchange, three years later. Bruins dealt winger Al Secord to Chicago Black Hawks for Mike O'Connell, a defenceman.

"Let me put it this way," says Gerry Cheevers, the Boston coach. "We'd love to have Secord back. But I wouldn't give up O'Connell to get him."

A 27-year-old native of Chicago, O'Connell joins Ray Bourque and Mike Milbury to give Cheevers the kind of corps on defence that wins championships. Veteran Brad Park was the fourth member of the corps last season.

O'Connell was in on 53 Boston goals and was the club's second most efficient workman, registering a plus-44.

Pete Peeters

It was never a secret that Pete Peeters was unhappy during the three seasons he played goal for Philadelphia Flyers. He wanted out at a time when Flyers needed a defenceman along the lines of Boston's Brad McCrimmon.

"And we had to get a netminder," said Bruins' general manager, Harry Sinden. "So a trade was made."

Peeters was overjoyed to discover that his analysis had been correct. He wanted more action; Bruins gave it to him. And the change produced a remarkable season in which he was the all-star goalie, received the Vezina Trophy as the NHL's finest backstop, and was voted second-most valuable player (behind Wayne Gretzky) in the '82-'83 season. En route to 40 victories, he had one 31-game streak without a loss.

"I couldn't handle the Philadelphia system, which was to carry three goalies," Peeters explained. "That trans-

lated into pressure for me. I find this a more relaxed atmosphere. For me, it's better. I'm busy and I'm secure."

Peeters also delivered eight shutouts, sensational in this era of explosive attacks, held the opposition to a league-leading 2.36 goals a game, and apprehended a gaudy 90.4 percent of the pucks shot at him.

"It would be hard," said coach Gerry Cheevers, formerly an outstanding goalie himself, "to do a better job over an extended period."

Cheevers holds the record Peeters just missed, 32 matches undefeated.

Gord Kluzak

"Certainly I've thought about it," Gord Kluzak confirmed. "I think it puts quite a bit of heat on me."

Bruins had been first to pick from the emerging juniors of 1982 and had surprised the hockey world by taking defenceman Kluzak instead of star right winger Brian Bellows.

"I was aware they had gambled on me when there'd been so much talk about Bellows," Kluzak said, "and I was anxious to come through for them."

But Kluzak, an 18-year-old giant at 6-foot-4 and 220 pounds, didn't play at all through much of the 1982-83 season. He took an occasional shift on left wing, but seldom appeared in his customary spot.

"Then, because of injuries, I was thrust into a position where I had to play defence. The coach had no choice," Kluzak related.

"I'd been hoping to contribute and I'm satisfied I did, even though I made plenty of mistakes. That's part of learning, I guess."

Keith Crowder

Coach Gerry Cheevers meant to give Keith Crowder the highest praise he could think of.

"He's Terry O'Reilly and Wayne Cashman rolled into one," Cheevers said. "It's really a pleasure to watch a hockey

player work that hard. And it's nice to see him get rewarded for it with good results."

Crowder's dedication paid off last season with the best statistics of his three NHL years — 35 goals and 39 assists, placing him third among all Boston point-getters.

Keith Crowder is 24. Brother Bruce, 26, was also a regular with the 1982-83 Bruins and contributed 21 goals.

Mike Krushelnyski

It's lucky Mike Krushelnyski (6-foot-2, 200 pounds) has broad shoulders. His name occupies a lot of space on the back of his uniform.

Up from the Erie club in the American League, Krushelnyski caught on with Bruins last season as an NHL newcomer and was second among all rookies with a plus-38. He had 65 points and also received strong support in Selke Trophy voting. That's the award that salutes the NHL's best checking forward and Steve Kasper, one of Boston's injured players, had been the 1981-82 recipient.

"Because Mike plays such a solid positional game, and works so enthusiastically, he was very effective in the Stanley Cup playoffs," said Harry Sinden, Bruins' general manager. "That's where quality players are identified and he was one."

Krushelnyski had 14 points in Bruins' 17 post-season matches.

BRUINS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
✓ Bruce Crowder	6-0	180	Essex, Ont.	March 25, 1957	Boston	21	19	40
✓ Keith Crowder	6-0	190	Windsor, Ont.	Jan. 6, 1959	Boston	35	39	74
Luc Dufour	5-11	179	Chicoutimi, Que.	Feb. 13, 1963	Boston	14	11	25
Mike Gillis	6-1	195	Sudbury, Ont.	Dec. 1, 1958	Baltimore (AHL)	32	81	113
✓ Tom Fergus	6-0	179	Chicago, Ill.	June 16, 1962	Boston	28	35	63
✓ Steve Kasper	5-8	159	Montreal, Que.	Sept. 28, 1961	Boston	2	6	8
Mike Krushelnyski	6-2	200	Montreal, Que.	April 27, 1960	Boston	23	42	65
Craig MacTavish	6-0	185	London, Ont.	Aug. 15, 1958	Boston	10	20	30
✓ Peter McNab	6-3	203	Vancouver, B.C.	May 8, 1952	Boston	22	52	74
✓ Rick Middleton	5-11	170	Toronto, Ont.	Dec. 4, 1953	Boston	49	47	96
Terry O'Reilly	6-1	199	Niagara Falls, Ont.	June 7, 1951	Boston	6	14	20
Brad Palmer	6-0	185	Duncan, B.C.	Sept. 14, 1961	Boston	6	11	17
Barry Pederson	5-11	171	Big River, Sask.	March 13, 1961	Boston	46	61	107

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

The bullies are angels now



1982-83 Finish: First, Patrick Division.

Strengths: Good scoring, improved defence.

Weaknesses: Aging in spots.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Third.

The Philadelphia Flyers have been changing, and the process will go on.

Once notorious as the "Broad Street Bullies," Flyers cut their penalties almost in half last season, reducing their sins from a 1981-82 total of 2,493 minutes to only 1,337.

This commitment to virtue underscored an altered Philly philosophy of hockey, introduced and nurtured under the careful supervision of coach Bob McCammon. And lest there be any doubt about McCammon's clout, he was named general manager, too, during the off-season. Keith Allen, formerly the GM, was moved upstairs into the presidential suite.

"There's a new kind of competition in the National Hockey League and teams that don't get tuned in are going to fall by the wayside," says McCammon.

As an illustration to support his contention, McCammon needed only to recall what happened at the end of Flyers' 1982-83 campaign.

They played extremely well, ending up first in the Patrick Division and second in the overall NHL standings. But in the Stanley Cup playoffs, they couldn't handle the speed and the intricate offence of the modernistic New York Rangers — their inferiors by 26 points during the regular schedule.

"In a skating game, you won't be able to intimidate or dominate your opposition physically. That was once Philly's style and in the Stanley Cup years, 1974 and '75, it was very effective," McCammon says. "But will it work now?"

“Team discipline is part of it, too. That was the thinking behind our approach concerning penalties. We felt unnecessary penalties — retaliation, for example — were harmful to the club and should therefore be eliminated.

“We took a very strong stand. Players incurring what we considered needless penalties were punished simply because they were acting selfishly.”

There was one quick result: the irascible 1981-82 Flyers had given up 102 power-play goals and that figure was chopped to 61 last season.

And as if to underline how they felt, Flyers completed a revealing summer swap of defencemen with Chicago Black Hawks — bulky, pugnacious Behn Wilson for swift, slick Doug Crossman.

Mark Howe

At one time, an NHL all-star team didn't seem complete without a Howe on it — Gordie, that is, at right wing.

Now, son Mark has revived the family tradition. And there's one important difference. This Howe is a defenceman and, in fact, was runner-up to Washington's Rod Langway in Norris Trophy voting.

“He's better than I thought he was,” said Keith Allen who, as general manager, procured Howe from Hartford before the 1982-83 campaign. “He's got the ability to control a game completely.”

Howe was a left winger in junior days and his early professional seasons, beginning in 1973 with Houston of the World Hockey Association. And his offensive skills haven't diminished since he was shifted back of the blueline. He accounted for 67 points last season.

“But he's a great defenceman,” Allen noted, “and that's a very rare item. Left wingers you can always find.”

Bobby Clarke

Improved health made the 1982-83 season Bobby Clarke's best in five years. He seemed to have been rejuvenated at age 33.

“They've developed a gadget that can give an accurate

measurement of the sugar in a diabetic's blood. With that knowledge, you can fine-tune the amount of insulin you take," said Clarke, a life-long sufferer. "It changed my life around because it meant I didn't get the periods of sluggishness I used to run into."

Clarke led Flyers' offence with 85 points and received the Selke Trophy as the NHL's most efficient defensive forward, besides.

That output, by the way, moved him into 12th position on the list of all NHL scorers. He has totalled 1,150 points, ahead of Frank Mahovlich and just behind Bobby Hull.

Bill Barber

The 1982-83 campaign was a highly successful one for Philadelphia Flyers, but torture for their standout left wing, Bill Barber.

"I ran into the first major injury of my whole career, a thing with my knee," said Barber.

Well, he didn't actually say it. He muttered it because a broken jaw, incurred after the knee mended, had to be wired shut while healing.

As a consequence of all that, Barber played only 66 of Philly's 80 scheduled matches and was limited to a subpar 27 goals and 33 assists.

"I'm sure I'll bounce back," he vowed. "I'm only 31, not quite at the end of the line."

Pelle Lindbergh

The NHL picked a rookie all-star team for the first time last season and its goalie was Philadelphia's Pelle Lindbergh. His Philly understudy, Bob Froese, was an NHL newcomer, too.

"We were able to trade Pete Peeters to Boston for a defenceman we needed, Brad McCrimmon, because we thought Lindbergh was ready to take on most of our goalkeeping," Keith Allen, Philly GM at the time, explained. "I think the results support that decision."

Lindbergh, one of the quickest NHL goalies, played 40

games in his initial year and posted 23 victories, with three ties.

"He's so fast he hardly ever gets caught out of position," says Bernie Parent, a former netminding great now helping coach the Flyers. "He's like an acrobat."

Froese, a 25-year-old, won 12 and drew one of his first 13 NHL starts before finally losing. He wound up with a 17-4-2 record after keeping Flyers in contention while Lindbergh nursed a wrist injury.

Brian Propp

A clergyman's son from Saskatchewan, Brian Propp led the NHL last season in one very important category. Twelve of his 40 goals accounted for Flyer victories.

"He'll do that because he's consistent," said the Canadian national coach, Dave King, who selected Propp for the world championships last spring. "He's always in the right place, on top of every situation."

Propp skated with Ray Allison, a Philly teammate today, and Laurie Boschman on a famous junior forward line in Brandon. Allison was drafted by Hartford and later traded to Flyers. Boschman is with Winnipeg now, after stints in Toronto and Edmonton.

Of the three, Propp has shown the best NHL results: 144 goals in four seasons.

Glen Cochrane

The Broad Street Bullies have cleaned up their act but there's still one tough kid on the block. Defenceman Glen Cochrane did 237 minutes in the penalty box last season, roughly a sixth of the Philadelphia total.

A far more important number, in Cochrane's book, is 42. At plus-42, he was one of the most efficient rearguards in the entire NHL.

"Playing with Mark Howe certainly helped," he admits. "I felt I was an improved player. And don't forget one important thing. It was only my second complete year with the Flyers in the NHL, even though I've been a pro since 1978. I've paid my dues."

Darryl Sittler

Two of the NHL's elder statesmen were united in 1982 when Darryl Sittler joined Bobby Clarke in Philadelphia. Flyers obtained Sittler in a trade with Toronto Maple Leafs, for whom he had toiled since 1970.

"I liked Philly right from the beginning but still, there was an adjustment to make," Sittler recalls. "I didn't really begin to feel comfortable until last season."

Sittler was runner-up to Clarke in team scoring and his 83 points lifted his career total to 1,031, 16th highest in pro history.

"He is a leader away from the ice. On it, he is a superb centre," says coach Bob McCammon. "So he's an asset in two ways. It's a thrill to watch him because he's an athlete who succeeds strictly because of dedication. For him, there's no other way except to work as hard as he can."

Ilkka Sinisalo

Philadelphia Flyers' future is neatly illustrated by their young Finnish winger, Ilkka Sinisalo. He is lightning fast and highly skilled.

Flyers signed him as a free agent in 1981, and he scored 15 times in his rookie season. Last term was interrupted by a broken jaw, but in 61 matches he still counted 21 goals and 30 assists.

"We'll be looking more and more to Europe," says Bob McCammon, coach and now general manager in Philly. "We're delighted with Pelle Lindbergh, our Swedish goalie. And we had good luck last season with Miroslav Dvorak, a defenceman from Czechoslovakia."

"And now I've hired Ted Sitar as my assistant coach. He has spent the last several years in Finnish hockey so you can guess what we have in mind."



Bobby Clarke
Selke Trophy winner



Glen Cochrane

FLYERS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
✓ Ray Allison	5-10	190	Cranbrook, B.C.	March 4, 1959	Philadelphia	21	30	51
Andy Brickley	5-11	185	Melrose, Mass.	Aug. 9, 1961	Maine (AHL)	29	54	83
✓ Bill Barber	6-0	190	Callander, Ont.	July 11, 1952	Philadelphia	27	33	60
✓ Lindsay Carson	6-2	190	Oxbow, Sask.	Nov. 21, 1960	Philadelphia	18	19	37
Bobby Clarke	5-10	185	Flin Flon, Man.	Aug. 13, 1949	Philadelphia	23	62	85
Paul Evans	5-9	170	Toronto, Ont.	May 2, 1954	Philadelphia	8	20	28
✓ Ron Flockhart	5-11	174	Smithers, B.C.	Oct.-10, 1960	Philadelphia	29	31	60
Tom Gorence	6-0	180	St. Paul, Minn.	March 11, 1957	Philadelphia	7	7	14
✓ Paul Holmgren	6-3	210	St. Paul, Minn.	Dec. 12, 1955	Philadelphia	19	24	43
Tim Kerr	6-3	215	Windsor, Ont.	Jan. 5, 1960	Philadelphia	11	8	19
Dave Michayluk	5-10	180	Wakaw, Sask.	May 18, 1962	Maine (AHL)	32	40	72
Dan Poulin	5-11	185	Robertsville, Que.	Sept. 19, 1957	Philadelphia	2	0	2
Brian Propp	5-9	185	Lanigan, Sask.	Feb. 15, 1959	Philadelphia	40	42	82
Ilkka Sinisalo	6-1	190	Valeakoski, Finland	July 10, 1958	Philadelphia	21	29	50
Darryl Sittler	6-0	195	Kitchener, Ont.	Sept. 18, 1950	Philadelphia	43	40	83
Ron Sutter	5-11	166	Viking, Alta.	Dec. 21, 1963	Lethbridge (WHL)	35	48	83
✓ Mark Taylor	5-11	190	Victoria, B.C.	June 1, 1956	Philadelphia	8	25	33

Defencemen									
Frank Bathe	6-1	190	Oshawa, Ont.	Sept. 27, 1954	Philadelphia	1	8	9	
Glen Cochrane	6-2	184	Cranbrook, B.C.	Jan. 29, 1958	Philadelphia	2	22	24	
Doug Crossman	6-2	190	Peterborough, Ont.	May 30, 1960	Chicago	13	40	53	
Miroslav Dvorak	5-8	185	Czechoslovakia	Oct. 11, 1951	Philadelphia	4	33	37	
Thomas Eriksson	6-2	182	Stockholm, Sweden	Oct. 16, 1959	Sweden	—	—	—	
Mark Howe	5-11	180	Detroit, Mich.	May 28, 1955	Philadelphia	20	47	67	
Brad Marsh	6-2	210	London, Ont.	March 31, 1958	Philadelphia	2	11	13	
Brad McCrimmon	5-11	193	Doddsland, Sask.	March 29, 1959	Philadelphia	4	21	25	
Goalies						GPI	GA	Avg.	
Bob Froese	5-11	178	St. Catharines, Ont.	June 30, 1958	Philadelphia	24	59	2.52	
Michel Larocque	5-10	185	Hull, Que.	April 6, 1952	Tor.-Phil.	18	70	4.50	
Pelle Lindbergh	5-9	160	Stockholm, Sweden	May 24, 1959	Philadelphia	40	116	2.98	

EDMONTON OILERS



One more river to cross

1982-83 Finish: First in Smythe Division.

Strengths: Gretzky has help.

Weaknesses: Defence must improve.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: First, easily.

The Edmonton Oilers edged ever closer to their ultimate objective last spring. The golden fleece was now in sight.

This time, they made it all the way to the Stanley Cup final, only to suffer a humiliating defeat at the hands of the New York Islanders. It took the Islanders just the minimum four games to wrap up another National Hockey League playoff title. Oilers, despite some awesome credentials, were simply no match for the well-balanced team from Long Island.

But still, this was progress. The 1981-82 Oilers were also runaway winners of the NHL's Smythe Division but got expelled from Stanley Cup contention in the opening round of play. This time, they were able to eliminate the Winnipeg Jets, Calgary Flames and Chicago Black Hawks, and become Campbell Conference champions, before reaching the end of the line. It was a year 19 NHL members would have been happy with.

"It came down, finally, to a question of experience," says Glen Sather, Edmonton's general manager and head coach. "You can be capable of winning but in addition, you have to understand *how* to win.

"We do awfully well on the lead. That's been our pattern. We get in front and then we explode. But we don't have a lot of experience with adversity. We haven't been through the mill like the Islanders. For instance, we haven't had to pick ourselves up and come from behind.

"So now we've been to the finals. We have a better idea of what it's all about. Next time, it won't be a novelty."

A glance at the statistics indicates where Oilers must bring about their last measure of improvement. They had yielded 315 goals to their adversaries over last season's 80-game regular schedule, so they were poorly prepared for the tighter competition of the Stanley Cup tournament. Islanders' defence, in contrast, had restricted the opposition to merely 226 goals, the NHL's fewest.

"That's something which will fall into place as our entire club develops," Sather promises.

"Randy Gregg and Charlie Huddy became regular defencemen with us last season. And we began to get that better overall balance we'd been striving for through the whole line-up. We came up with an excellent second line, so there was less pressure on Wayne Gretzky. So we were able to save Wayne a bit over the long schedule. That had been a top priority."

Glenn Anderson, Mark Messier and Kenny Linseman, usually together on Sather's No. 2 unit, amassed 129 goals altogether. Linseman had been acquired in a summer, 1982 deal with Philadelphia Flyers specifically for his good play-making and skating abilities.

One result was an NHL-record 424 goals by a team during a single campaign. It is Sather's conviction the defensive efficiency he needs will now evolve as almost a natural process.

Paul Coffey

Barry Fraser, the bearded genius who runs Oilers' scouting operations, had his instructions. The club needed defencemen.

So Fraser's first draft selection in 1979 was Kevin Lowe, one of the soundest rearguards in the NHL today. His initial pick in 1980 was Paul Coffey, a second all-star in each of the last two seasons.

"Maybe I should tell Fraser I need another Wayne Gretzky," says Oilers' head man, Sats Sather.

In each of those all-star years, Coffey has led all NHL defencemen in points. His output climbed from 89 to 96.

Coffey was plus-52 and Lowe had a handsome 39 on the same side of the 1982-83 ledger.

"Coffey's 22, Lowe's 24," Sather notes, "so our future on defence is looking pretty solid."

Charlie Huddy

The NHL had a new individual prize last season, the Emery Trophy, honoring overall efficiency in a novel way.

It totals goals a team scores and allows while the player in question is on the ice, subtracts what happens during shorthanded situations and arrives at a balance — plus, even, or minus. Last season's NHL leader in this department was defenceman Charlie Huddy, who ended up 62 goals to the good.

Now there are two significant facts you should know about Huddy. He was playing only his first complete NHL campaign when he recorded these impressive statistics. And it all came to pass after an NHL draft when nobody rated him worth claiming.

Oilers granted him a tryout as a sort of after-thought and he won a spot in their farm system, first step toward his NHL success.

Jari Kurri

Before competing at the 1982 world hockey championships in Finland, Wayne Gretzky gave a media conference at the rink in Helsinki. One of the predictions he issued was that teammate Jari Kurri, a Finn, would be an NHL all-star in the season ahead.

Gretzky's call was very close, considering the keen competition at right wing. Kurri was fourth on the all-star ballot. And he was runner-up in voting to determine the NHL's best defensive forward.

"He's the backchecker on Gretzky's line," says coach Glen Sather. "It's an essential job but it wouldn't make sense to have Wayne doing it. And because Kurri is so creative and so fast, he's a big scorer to boot. In terms of overall skills, he must be one of the best players in the NHL."

Last season was Kurri's third in the NHL and his offensive totals continued to climb, hitting a high of 104 points — with 23 more in 16 playoff games.

"The foundation," says Kurri himself, "is the skating. With it, I can almost always get into the necessary position, either to score or defend."

Mark Messier

All-star nominators think Mark Messier is the finest left wing in the NHL but the search continues for somebody to play that position with Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri.

"Messier and Gretzky want to handle the puck a lot so they wouldn't be compatible. They'd be at cross-purposes," says coach Glen Sather.

With that in mind, Sather used Messier to make up a dynamic second line.

Kenny Linseman, obtained from Philadelphia Flyers, was the centre. Glenn Anderson went to right wing. And Messier, formerly a centre, was placed on the left flank.

"If there's a faster line in the NHL," Sather challenges, "I wish you'd tell me about it."

Messier, who is eight days older than Gretzky, was two goals off the 50 he'd scored as a 1981-82 all-star. Anderson had 48, too, and Linseman 33.

Wayne Gretzky

It was another memorable, history-making season for Wayne Gretzky but one number sticks in his craw: Zero — no goals at all in the Stanley Cup final.

The Great One set a record with 38 playoff points but four assists weren't going to beat New York Islanders in the title round.

"So basically, it was a failure," Gretzky says. "I mean I'm paid to score goals. It's part of the operation. And Islanders — give them credit — shut me down. Now I've got something to shoot for next year, me and the rest of the team."

Another significant Gretzky record: 125 assists during the regular 1982-83 schedule.

And he cancelled two personal jinxes. He scored twice as Oilers defeated a touring Soviet side. Shortly afterwards, he shot four in the third period of the NHL all-star game and was named best performer in the whole extravaganza.

In total points, Gretzky was down from an incredible 212 the year before to a still mind-boggling 196. He finished up with 709 points for his first four NHL campaigns — an average of 2.2 a game.

"His point total was a function of the fact he spent less time on the ice," says Slat's Sather, the coach. "That was my doing. I'd used him too much the year before, but who was I to stand in the way of a legend? But with that finished, it was wiser to save him. He's got a long career ahead."

Andy Moog

When the players of the NHL were asked to pick their own all-stars, they named Boston's Pete Peeters as goalie. Second to Peeters was Andy Moog of Edmonton.

"The opinion of the other players matters the most of all," says Moog, who posted 33 victories for last season's Edmonton club. "Who'd have a better idea than them?"

Moog seemed to have the Edmonton netminding job nailed down after a superb showing during the 1981 playoffs but spent much of the following season with the Central League farm team at Wichita. Rookie Grant Fuhr replaced him.

So Moog was making a comeback, too. And it was Fuhr who ended up in the minors, briefly.

Randy Gregg

Dr. Randy Gregg, that is. The big redhead on the Edmonton defence is a fully accredited physician.

"That's going to be my life," Gregg says, "but hockey means a lot to me, as well. And when I had a chance to play in the NHL, I felt I'd surely regret it if I didn't seize the opportunity."

After a distinguished athletic career at the University of Alberta, where he was studying medicine, Gregg became captain of Canada's team at the 1980 Olympics.

Following that experience, he spent two winters playing in Japan. In the winter of 1982, Oilers learned he might be interested in — and capable of — moving up to the NHL. So they signed him as a free agent and he joined them for the playoffs that spring. By last season, he was a first-stringer.

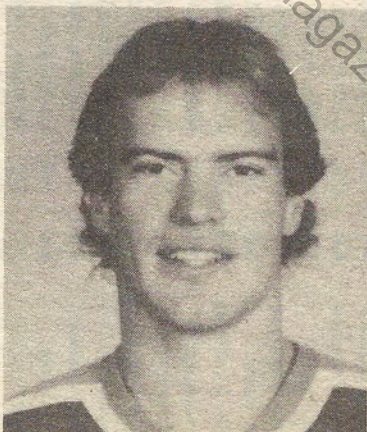
Glenn Anderson

"The best move I ever made," Glenn Anderson says, referring to the decision he made about joining Canada's 1980 Olympic squad.

That was in 1979, and right winger Anderson was one of Edmonton's brightest prospects.

"I don't think I could have learned as much anywhere else that season," he contends. "It was a crucial part of my development. And on top of that, it was the kind of experience that comes along once in a lifetime. I'd hate to have missed it."

Anderson did join Oilers the fall after the Lake Placid Games and has been a regular ever since, ascending new heights last season with 48 goals. He was third in all-star voting.



Mark Messier

OILERS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Glenn Anderson	5-11	180	Vancouver, B.C.	Oct. 2, 1960	Edmonton	48	56	104
Ray Cote	5-11	170	Pincher Creek, Alta.	May 31, 1961	Moncton (AHL)	29	64	93
Wayne Gretzky	6-0	170	Brantford, Ont.	Jan. 28, 1961	Edmonton	71	125	196
Marc Habscheid	6-0	179	Swift Current, Sask.	March 1, 1963	Edmonton	3	10	13
Pat Hughes	5-11	190	Calgary, Alta.	March 25, 1955	Edmonton	25	20	45
Dave Hunter	5-11	199	Petrolia, Ont.	Jan. 1, 1958	Edmonton	13	18	31
Jari Kurri	6-0	185	Helsinki, Finland	May 18, 1960	Edmonton	45	59	104
Willy Lindstrom	6-0	180	Grunns, Sweden	May 5, 1951	Winn.-Edm.	26	30	56
Ken Linseman	5-10	179	Kingston, Ont.	Aug. 11, 1958	Edmonton	33	42	75
Dave Lumley	5-11	182	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 1, 1954	Edmonton	13	24	37
Mark Messier	6-0	207	Edmonton, Alta.	Jan. 18, 1961	Edmonton	48	58	106
Jaroslav Pouzar	5-11	202	Czechoslovakia	Jan. 23, 1952	Edmonton	15	18	33
Tom Roulston	6-1	196	Winnipeg, Man.	Nov. 20, 1957	Edmonton	19	21	40
Tom Rowe	6-0	190	Lynn, Mass.	May 23, 1956	Detroit	6	10	16
Dave Semenko	6-3	215	Winnipeg, Man.	July 12, 1957	Edmonton	12	15	27
Todd Strueby	6-1	186	Lanigan, Sask.	June 15, 1963	Saskatoon (WHL)	40	70	110
Garry Unger	6-0	184	Edmonton, Alta.	Dec. 7, 1947	Edmonton	2	0	2

CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS



A little bit tougher now

1982-83 Finish: First, Norris Division.

Strengths: Savard, Secord, defence.

Weaknesses: May lack depth.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Back on top.

There was no doubt about it. Chicago Black Hawks had become a superlative team, coasting along in front of the Norris Division in the National Hockey League. They were spectacular, too, and the fans were filling the old Chicago Stadium again.

But there came a revealing mid-season night when Hawks visited the Adams Division to play the first-place Boston Bruins. And the Chicago club was manhandled, shoved around bodily and defeated soundly.

"That showed us what was lacking. We needed just a bit of muscle so we'd be able to hold our own in a situation like that," said Bob Pulford, Hawks' general manager.

Shortly afterward, Pulford traded high-scoring Tony Tanti to Vancouver Canucks for burly Curt Fraser, a renowned and fearless thumper on left wing. He would help Al Secord soak up the heavy going and create some operating space for the fancier but less robust members of the team.

A second transaction, delayed until summer, fit the same picture. Pulford got a rough and ready defenceman named Behn Wilson from Philadelphia Flyers in exchange for Doug Crossman.

"Crossman is a playmaking defenceman like Doug Wilson, Bob Murray and Keith Brown," Pulford explained. "So we could afford to let him go. We needed a guy of the Behn Wilson type, to protect our own zone and gain us some respect."

As a matter of fact, Secord, Fraser and Wilson together may cause a few opponents some moments of concern.

Anyway, the infusion of pugnacity represented by Hawks' 1983 acquisitions should propel them a bit further along the trail of the Stanley Cup. Their progress in that direction already had been impressive last season under their new coach, Orval Tessier.

Tessier received the Jack Adams Award as coach of the year in the NHL, after bringing about a 34-point improvement in the Chicago club. The 1981-82 Chicagoans had been fourth in the Norris standings. Tessier took over and produced an additional 17 victories, while cutting losses by 15.

"They'd been sort of a sloppy outfit," Tessier said. "They scored a lot but they gave up a lot, too.

"We were able to tighten up and chop almost 100 goals off the defensive record. And what do you know? By playing good positional hockey, we were able to get more scoring opportunities and actually increase the offence a little bit. It wasn't much but it showed what you can do if you play sound hockey."

Murray Bannerman

Away back in 1977, Chicago Black Hawks decided it was time to start thinking about a replacement for goaltender Tony Esposito. So they obtained young Murray Bannerman from the Vancouver organization, giving up Pit Martin in return.

Well, Espo is still around. But Bannerman is making noteworthy headway at last. Step one was to reach the NHL, in 1980. Now he's sharing the assignment with Esposito, and doing a creditable job.

Bannerman, 26, played 41 games last season and ranked third when NHL voters sat down to evaluate all the net-minders they had seen. He was No. 3 in voting for both the all-star team and the Vezina Trophy.

The opposition averaged only 3.10 goals a game against Bannerman, who posted four shutouts and 24 victories.

Tony Esposito

The NHL's senior citizen is Chicago goalie Tony Esposito, who was 40 as he began his 17th professional season.

"There were rumors I was through but I cut almost a full goal off my average last season," said Tony O. "I think that reflects an improvement in the club as a whole, more than any change in me.

"I don't feel any different. Hey, I'd like to play more than I do, but that's up to the coach."

Alternating with Murray Bannerman, Esposito appeared in only 39 matches, which marked a sharp reduction in his workload. Fresher, he had 23 wins and the 75th shutout of his career. The late Terry Sawchuk holds the NHL record of 103 shutouts.

Esposito is president of the NHL Players' Association.

Al Secord

Mark Messier and Michel Goulet received more all-star support but, in many ways, Chicago's Al Secord was the most valuable left winger in the NHL last season.

Besides leading Hawks with 54 goals, Secord was the team's strong man. He was the one who stepped forward when trouble arose. He was the one aggressive opponents had to deal with. He was the hitter, the battler, the avenger.

"There's no question how important he is to the guys on his line, Denis Savard and Steve Larmer," says coach Orval Tessier. "Nobody can bother those men when Secord is around. And he goes into the corners and gets the puck for them."

Secord, who came to Chicago in a 1980 deal with Boston Bruins, actually did place third in the NHL's all-star poll.

Doug Wilson

The Norris Trophy winner in 1982, Doug Wilson slipped to fifth spot among NHL defencemen last season.

"I think it had to do with his scoring statistics," said Or-

val Tessier, Hawks' coach. "He went from 39 goals to 18 and that would impress a lot of the voters.

"We were stressing defence a great deal more, all through the line-up, and Wilson was no exception. And you'll notice his assists total actually increased.

"I really believe he improved as an all-around defenceman."

Wilson doesn't hesitate to give his wife much of the credit for his successful career in hockey. He has a chronic blood condition which requires a special diet, and that's her department.

"When I think of the way I used to eat when I was a bachelor," says Wilson, "I realize what a difference Kathy's cooking has made."

Denis Savard

"It's one thing to be an outstanding centre, like Denis Savard," says Chicago general manager Bob Pulford. "But he's got something else going for him. He's an entertainer. He comes up with something new on almost every shift. He puts people in our rink and a lot of other arenas, too."

Savard had 120 points last season, a greater total than Black Hawks' immortals like Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita had ever managed. At 22, in his third term as a professional, he was runner-up to Wayne Gretzky in all-star voting after the schedule ended.

"If any further proof was required, Denny provided it in the playoffs," Pulford adds. "That's where things get really tough, where the checking tightens up. And Savard was just as good as he'd been during the regular season."

Hawks played 13 Stanley Cup matches and Savard generated eight goals and nine assists.

Steve Larmer

"A rookie right winger would be awfully lucky," Steve Larmer says, "if he could break in with a great playmaking centre and a tough left winger."

Those very circumstances confronted Larmer when he

made his NHL debut with Chicago last season. Denis Savard was in the middle and Al Secord was on the left flank. So Larmer had no trouble whatever collecting 43 goals (nine game-winners) and 47 assists.

As a result of that performance, Larmer received the Calder Trophy as the NHL's best new player.

He had been drafted by Hawks in 1980, the 120th player chosen, but spent a final junior semester at Lethbridge before a winter of apprenticeship with Hawks' American League farm club.

"My good fortune began there," Larmer says, "because my coach was the man now coaching us in Chicago, Orval Tessier."

Keith Brown

"It would be awfully nice," Keith Brown says, "to play a complete season for a change, just to see what would happen."

In Chicago, general manager Bob Pulford and coach Orval Tessier concur wholeheartedly.

Felled by a knee injury, defenceman Brown played only 39 of Hawks' scheduled 80 matches during the 1981-82 campaign.

Last year, the problem was a shoulder separation so severe it required surgery. Brown missed 30 games and his absence undoubtedly hurt Hawks' chances in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Brown, a 23-year-old Newfoundlander, is an effective playmaker when he's healthy. He and his bosses are hoping that adjective will apply in the term ahead.

Darryl Sutter

The saga of the Sutters was just beginning when Darryl arrived in the NHL with Chicago. He was the second member of the Alberta family to make the grade. Now there are four, with two more on the way.

Brian Sutter was a regular with St. Louis Blues when Hawks drafted brother Darryl in 1978. He spent a season

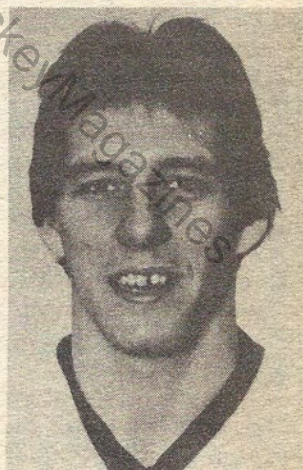
in Japan before joining Hawks' American League farm club for a year's on-the-job training. As an NHL rookie, during the 1980-81 campaign, he shot 40 goals.

Meanwhile, Duane and Brent Sutter helped New York Islanders win some Stanley Cup titles, Rich was claimed by Pittsburgh Penguins in the 1982 draft, while the other twin, Ron, went to Philadelphia.

"Darryl's a typical Sutter — tough," says general manager Bob Pulford. "He got us 31 goals last season but his contributions went a lot further than simple statistics. And remember, he was bouncing back from a very grave arm injury."



Tony Esposito



Al Secord

BLACK HAWKS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Denis Cyr	5-11	186	Verdun, Que.	Feb. 4, 1961	Cal.-Chi.	8	9	17
✓Curt Fraser	6-10	190	Cincinnati, Ohio	Jan. 12, 1958	Van.-Chi.	12	20	32
Bill Gardner	5-10	170	Toronto, Ont.	May 19, 1960	Chicago	15	25	40
Tim Higgins	5-10	179	Ottawa, Ont.	Oct. 16, 1957	Chicago	14	9	23
✓Steve Larmer	5-10	185	Peterborough, Ont.	June 16, 1961	Chicago	43	47	90
Tom Lysiak	6-1	195	High Prairie, Alta.	April 22, 1953	Chicago	23	38	61
Steve Ludzik	5-11	170	Toronto, Ont.	April 3, 1961	Chicago	6	19	25
Peter Marsh	6-1	180	Halifax, N.S.	Dec. 21, 1956	Chicago	6	14	20
Troy Murray	6-1	195	Edmonton, Alta.	July 31, 1962	Chicago	8	8	16
✓Rick Paterson	5-9	187	Kingston, Ont.	Feb. 10, 1958	Chicago	14	9	23
Rich Preston	5-11	185	Regina, Sask.	May 22, 1952	Chicago	25	28	53
Denis Savard	5-10	167	Pt. Gatineau, Que.	Feb. 4, 1961	Chicago	35	85	120
✓Al Secord	6-1	205	Sudbury, Ont.	March 3, 1958	Chicago	54	32	86
Darryl Sutter	5-11	175	Viking, Alta.	Aug. 19, 1958	Chicago	31	30	61

Defencemen									
✓ Keith Brown	6-1	192	Cornerbrook, Nfld.	May 6, 1960	Chicago	4	27	31	
✓ Dave Feamster	5-11	180	Detroit, Mich.	Sept. 10, 1958	Chicago	6	12	18	
Greg Fox	6-2	190	Vancouver, B.C.	Aug. 12, 1953	Chicago	0	13	13	
Jack O'Callahan	6-1	185	Charleston, Mass.	July 24, 1957	Chicago	0	11	11	
✓ Bob Murray	5-10	183	Kingston, Ont.	Nov. 26, 1954	Chicago	7	32	39	
Behn Wilson	6-3	210	Toronto, Ont.	Dec. 19, 1958	Philadelphia	8	24	32	
✓ Doug Wilson	6-1	187	Ottawa, Ont.	July 5, 1957	Chicago	18	51	69	
Goalies						GPI	GA	Avg.	
✓ Murray Bannerman	5-11	184	St. Frances, Ont.	April 24, 1957	Chicago	41	127	3.10	
✓ Tony Esposito	5-11	185	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	April 23, 1943	Chicago	39	135	3.46	

MONTREAL CANADIENS

*Back to the good old days*

1982-83 Finish: Second, Adams Division.

Strengths: Top scoring, improving defence.

Weaknesses: Need centres, netminding.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Third.

Les Glorieux cleaned house last spring and, in starting afresh, went back into recent history to revive some of their noblest traditions.

It happened shortly after yet another hasty and embarrassing exit from the Stanley Cup tournament, a competition Montreal Canadiens once dominated as if by right.

Irving Grundman, the managing director who'd been running the club since Sam Pollock's retirement in 1978, was dismissed. With him went personnel boss Ron Caron, a prime suspect in some of Grundman's less successful moves. And coach Bob Berry was handed a series of scouting assignments — put on hold, in effect.

If, as some felt, Grundman had never ceased being an outsider, his successor was strictly family. The Forum's new supervisor of hockey doings was none other than Serge Savard, the defence kingpin of eight championship teams in the Forum.

Savard had left hockey in 1981 to pursue a highly successful career in the business world, but returned to play for Winnipeg Jets. In hiring him for Canadiens, president Ron Corey had to secure his release from the Winnipeg outfit. Savard, to put it mildly, was anxious to return.

"If anybody understands what is required to win, Savard would be that person," Corey said, "and he represents a direct link to this team's great achievements of the past. He is a part of Canadiens' history, and now of their future."

Savard's first act as general manager was to reconfirm Berry as coach and Jacques Laperriere as his assistant. Added to the staff was Jacques Lemaire, a splendid Montreal centre in bygone seasons.

"It's definitely bad, the way Canadiens lost out in the playoffs, but the situation could be a lot worse," Savard noted. "I mean, they were fifth in the whole National Hockey League during the regular schedule. That's not too bad, eh? And some of their best players are young guys who are sure to get better.

"Well, it's for sure Rod Langway and Brian Engblom would look good if they were still on our defence. But I like what's there. You've got good veterans in Larry Robinson and Rick Green. And you've got good young fellows in Gilbert Delorme, Craig Ludwig, Ric Nattress and Bill Root. That's something to work with and build on."

Grundman had gambled unsuccessfully by trading Langway and Engblom to Washington Capitals, along with Doug Jarvis and Craig Laughlin, for the quality of Green and Ryan Walter. He gave up centres Dan Daoust and Doug Risebrough in other deals and it all added up to a net loss of strength Canadiens simply couldn't afford.

Grundman was out and Savard in even before the final blow fell and Langway was given the Norris Trophy as the No. 1 defenceman in the NHL.

Guy Lafleur

The Flower once held total sway over NHL defences, putting together an unbroken string of six years with 50 goals or more. Now he's 32 and those exciting exploits have receded into his past.

But Lafleur is still a highly competent NHL right winger whose 76 points led last season's Montreal offence. And that output left him in 10th position on the all-time list, with 1,171 points. He should pass Jean Beliveau and Norm Ullman and move into eighth place before the 1983-84 schedule ends.

"I think our future looks good," says Lafleur, who never tried to conceal his displeasure with the Montreal administration of recent vintage. "With Serge and Coco Lemaire rejoining us, we should be able to get back to where we used to be. And some of us won't feel our efforts are going to waste."

Guy Carbonneau

Centre Dan Daoust, later a rookie all-star, was shifted to Toronto because he wasn't playing in Montreal. And the reason Canadiens weren't using him was the work of another freshman centre, Guy Carbonneau.

"It was my choice," said coach Bob Berry. "I was employing Carbonneau in a defensive capacity and he was outstanding. When Daoust joined Leafs, he centred for their two best wingers, so naturally, he looked good and got a lot of points. If we had played Carbonneau with Guy Lafleur, say, I imagine he'd have scored a bundle, too."

Carbonneau, who had spent his first two professional seasons with Nova Scotia in the American League, still succeeded in obtaining 18 goals and 29 assists and scored five times while skating against enemy power plays. In the entire NHL, only Wayne Gretzky had more short-handed goals.

Ryan Walter

The leadership qualities everybody sees in Ryan Walter — the determination, the dedication, the will to win — were the reasons Canadiens paid so dearly to get him from Washington Caps. Many people were convinced that was an element the Montreal club lacked, and had to acquire.

And Walter did his part, with a 75-point season and his customary all-out drive for 60 minutes a game.

"Sometimes, when that deal is being discussed, you get the impression Montreal received nothing in return," Walter observes.

"You'd better believe that sort of thing provides a lot of incentive for Rick Green and myself. We want to hold up our end of the bargain, so to speak."

Walter, a left winger and sometimes a centre, was a mid-season all-star in the Wales Conference voting.

Doug Wickenheiser

Among Canadiens' most controversial management moves in recent years was the 1980 decision to draft Doug Wickenheiser, not Denis Savard, as their No. 1 pick.

There's room for argument, all right. Savard had 120 points for Chicago last season, Wickenheiser 55. Savard is a Montrealer and a French Canadian, besides. Wickenheiser is from Saskatchewan.

However, the 22-year-old insists he's making headway and is entirely satisfied with his progress. He had only 15 points as a rookie, then 35 in his second campaign.

"I feel a lot better about things after all the trouble I've made for this organization," says Wickenheiser. "But it'll be four or five years before I can say yes, I have arrived. That's just being realistic."

Keith Acton

Canadiens' leading scorer in the 1981-82 season was Keith Acton. Last term, his points production dipped dramatically from 88 to merely 50.

It wasn't a surprise, however. Acton had been given a new assignment. When Doug Jarvis was dealt, he was asked to begin concentrating on defence. He would be lined up opposite the enemy's best centres, instead of being spotted in likely-attacking situations.

"It was an interesting challenge," says Acton, 25. "My greatest asset is my skating so I decided to make use of that in my checking duties. I'd stay with guys, rather than try to outthink or outmanoeuvre them. For example, that would be about the only way I'd stand a chance against Wayne Gretzky."

Mark Napier

By his own admission, Mark Napier had been an unhappy athlete for months and months. He had been unable to work out a new contract with Canadiens and the uncertainty was bothering him.

"I try to keep it from affecting my work but maybe it does," Napier said at the time. "The thing preys on my mind, no matter how hard I concentrate on hockey."

Finally, just after midterm, Napier signed a four-year agreement with the Montreal club.

"I feel as though a giant weight has been lifted off my back," he said.

Napier ended the year with 40 goals, Canadiens' best. At 26, he began to look to the future with eagerness instead of confusion and apprehension.

Mats Naslund

In a very short period of time, little Mats Naslund became Montreal's most popular player.

The Forum fans enjoy his hustle, the joyful way he scurries about the ice and the skill with which he carries out his duties.

Canadiens had drafted Naslund in 1979, after scouting him in Sweden's first division, but didn't sign him to an NHL contract until 1982. He amassed 26 goals and 45 assists in his first professional season and was the left winger on the rookie all-star team.

Naslund was Canadiens' first European import but not their initial non-Canadian. Rod Langway, for instance, was an American citizen.

Rick Wamsley

"Gump" Wamsley insists he is still a student of goal-tending.

"That's one of the main reasons I agreed to play for Team Canada at the world championships last spring. I thought there were things I could learn over there," he says.

"There were, too. Playing against the Russians, Czechs and Swedes taught me a lot. It was a lesson, for example, in following the puck. The Europeans don't telegraph their shots, the way a lot of pros do."

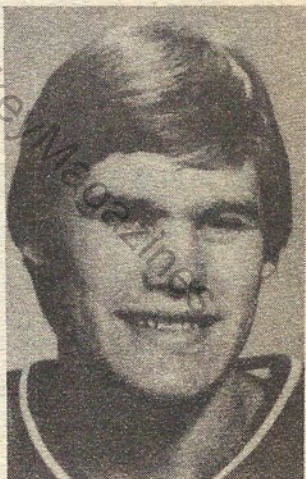
Wamsley, now 24, had served two seasons of appren-

ticeship with Nova Scotia Voyageurs in the American League before playing 58 games for the 1981-82 Canadiens. Last season, with Richard Sevigny as his understudy, he made 46 starts, winning 27 and tying five.

"We were breaking in a few kids on defence," Wamsley noted. "I don't mention that to excuse anything but just to point out that this aspect of our game is sure to improve. I expect to become a much better goalie than I am, just as I'm better than I used to be."



Mats Naslund



Ryan Walter

CANADIENS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Keith Acton	5-8	170	Stouffville, Ont.	April 15, 1958	Montreal	24	26	50
Guy Carbonneau	5-11	185	Sept.-Iles, Que.	March 18, 1960	Montreal	18	29	47
Bob Gainey	6-1	195	Peterborough, Ont.	Dec. 13, 1953	Montreal	12	18	30
Mark Hunter	6-0	195	Petrolia, Ont.	Nov. 12, 1962	Montreal	8	8	16
Yvan Joly	5-9	175	Hawkesbury, Ont.	Feb. 6, 1960	Nova Scotia (AHL)	43	37	80
Guy Lafleur	6-0	185	Thurso, Que.	Sept. 20, 1951	Montreal	27	49	76
Pierre Mondou	5-10	180	Sorel, Que.	Nov. 27, 1955	Montreal	29	37	66
Mark Napier	5-10	187	Toronto, Ont.	Jan. 28, 1957	Montreal	40	27	67
Mats Naslund	5-7	158	Timra, Sweden	Oct. 31, 1959	Montreal	26	45	71
Chris Nilan	6-0	200	Boston, Mass.	Feb. 9, 1958	Montreal	6	8	14
Steve Shutt	5-11	185	Toronto, Ont.	July 1, 1952	Montreal	35	22	57
Mario Tremblay	6-0	185	Alma, Que.	Sept. 2, 1956	Montreal	30	37	67
Bryan Walter	6-0	195	New Westminster, B.C.	April 23, 1958	Montreal	29	46	75
Doug Wickenheiser	6-1	195	Regina, Sask.	April 30, 1961	Montreal	25	30	55

Defencemen									
✓ Gilbert Delorme	6-1	206	Boucherville, Que.	Nov. 25, 1962	Montreal	12	21	33	
Rick Green	6-3	207	Belleville, Ont.	Feb. 20, 1956	Montreal	2	24	26	
Bill Kitchen	6-1	202	Schomberg, Ont.	Oct. 2, 1960	Nova Scotia (AHL)	3	11	14	
✓ Craig Ludwig	6-3	212	Eagle River, Wis.	March 15, 1961	Montreal	0	25	25	
Ric Nattress	6-3	210	Hamilton, Ont.	May 25, 1962	Montreal	1	3	4	
Robert Picard	6-2	210	Montreal, Que.	May 25, 1957	Montreal	7	31	38	
✓ Larry Robinson	6-3	215	Winchester, Ont.	June 2, 1951	Montreal	14	49	63	
✓ Bill Root	6-0	197	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 6, 1959	Montreal	2	3	5	
Goalies									
Mark Holden	5-10	165	Weymouth, Mass.	June 12, 1957	Montreal	2	6	4.14	
✓ Richard Sevigny	5-8	174	Montreal, Que.	April 11, 1957	Montreal	38	122	3.44	
✓ Rick Wamsley	5-11	185	Simcoe, Ont.	May 25, 1959	Montreal	46	151	3.51	

Goalies

Mark Holden

✓ Richard Sevigny

✓ Rick Wamsley

NEW YORK ISLANDERS



The fifth could be easier

1982-83 Finish: Second, Patrick Division.

Strengths: Excellent, all departments.

Weaknesses: None worth mentioning.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: On top.

How could anybody have the nerve to predict New York Islanders won't win a fifth consecutive Stanley Cup championship in 1984, after the way they collected No. 4?

Islanders moped and staggered through the National Hockey League's regular 1982-83 schedule, actually 11 victories behind the pace they had maintained a year earlier. Five NHL clubs had better records over the 80-game distance and Islanders even failed to show the way in their own Patrick Division.

But the playoffs were a different story altogether. The upstart Washington Capitals were swept aside. The rival New York Rangers were squelched. Boston Bruins, first in the combined league tables, were wiped out. And finally, Edmonton Oilers, without a single goal by Wayne Gretzky, were despatched in the minimum four games.

So despite the failures of autumn and winter, Islanders were still the best team in professional hockey competition, without a doubt. Some feel they're the greatest club anywhere in sport today.

Moreover, they took up a respected place in hockey history, for only two previous sides had captured the Stanley Cup four years in succession — Montreal Canadiens, who added a fifth straight in 1960, and a later Montreal aggregation, 1976 through '79.

So Islanders' motivation for the campaign ahead is plain to see. They'll be seeking immortality, on a level with those unforgettable Montreal powerhouses of the late 1950s.

"We were very concerned all last season and I would be the first to say we had a mediocre year by our own standards," says general manager Bill Torrey.

"But it wasn't as bad as a lot of people now seem to think. I guess it makes the thing more dramatic to exaggerate what happened. But hey, we weren't all that awful. We had the best defensive record in the league, which was reassuring as the playoffs began. And we killed penalties better than anybody else. However, our scoring was 'way down. That was the root of our problem."

Okay, but with that close shave in the background, can the Islanders now continue?

"I think a lot of our opponents have improved and will continue to improve. Therefore, it's not going to be easy," Torrey admits.

"We've done all we can do, which is to seek out and prepare good young players at all positions. That means we're prepared to wheel in replacements as they're needed. And there's keen competition for every job."

This collection of talented youth would include goaltender Kelly Hrudey, defencemen Paul Boutilier and Gord Dineen, forwards Greg Gilbert and Mats Hallin, plus junior whiz Pat LaFontaine of Detroit. Claimed by Islanders in the amateur draft last June, LaFontaine had scored 234 points in 70 games for the Verdun, Quebec club.

"That sort of thing — having good reserves on standby — has always been this organization's strength," Torrey points out. "That and the excellence of our coach, Al Arbour. If there was still any doubt he was the best in the business, it must have been dispelled by the masterful work he did in the playoffs last spring. That was very much a coaching victory, you know."

Mike Bossy

Last season's recipient of the Lady Byng Trophy was all-star right winger Mike Bossy of the Islanders. The terms of the award constitute almost a perfect description of Bossy:

To the NHL player who has "exhibited the best type of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct, combined with a high standard of playing ability."

Bossy was right on his career average, with 60 goals, and incurred only 10 minor penalties over the entire 80-game schedule. In six seasons, while scoring 365 times, he has served just 117 minutes altogether.

"Mike isn't a namby-pamby type of player, either," says coach Al Arbour. "He fights for position around the nets. And he does a thorough checking job. Makes his presence felt."

"I believe hockey can be played effectively in conformity with the rules," says Bossy, who led the 1982-83 Islanders on offence with 118 points. "I want my career to be a form of proof that this is really the case."

Roland Melanson

Results of the 1982-83 campaign strongly suggest that in Roland Melanson and Billy Smith, the Islanders own the best netminding tandem in present-day hockey.

The two of them received the Jennings Trophy as a result of having yielded the fewest opposition goals, 226.

Melanson, 22, led the NHL by stopping 90.9 per cent of the shots he faced. He was the runner-up in all-star voting and in the first Vezina Trophy contest, to determine the No. 1 goaltender.

Smith, 32, excelled in the Stanley Cup playoffs and was given the Conn Smythe Trophy as the tournament MVP. He posted 13 victories against two losses and has an overall 57-13 record in Islanders' four Cup captures.

"It's a perfect combination," says teammate Mike Bossy, "because we have as much confidence in Rollie as we do in Smitty. That gives coach Al Arbour terrific flexibility."

Denis Potvin

Here's an oddity: Islander captain Denis Potvin has missed the NHL all-star team in three of the last four seasons.

And yet he is mentioned prominently any time the game's best defencemen are being discussed.

"Injuries," says coach Al Arbour. "That's a large part of it. He's been hurt a lot. When he's right, he really is the best. Luckily for us, he's usually been healthy in the playoffs, which is where it really counts."

"Individual awards are always nice. You enjoy the recognition," Potvin himself says. "But with the Islanders, we're very much oriented toward team achievements. We've developed an atmosphere where our collective success is the most important thing. And how can you quarrel with four straight Stanley Cups?"

As a matter of fact, although he was part of the general Long Island slump, Potvin did place sixth on the 1982-83 all-star ballot.

Brent Sutter

It is something of an NHL legend now, what one of the combative Sutter brothers can do for a team. Islanders are fortunate enough to have two of them, 23-year-old Duane (Dog), and 21-year-old Brent (Pup).

Duane arrived at Uniondale in time to spark Islanders' first Stanley Cup victory in 1980. Centre Brent came up as a rookie and did the same in 1982. The two of them joined forces to blast their colleagues out of the doldrums again last spring.

"Dog and Pup are like their older brother, Brian, in St. Louis," says coach Al Arbour. "They like to mix it up. They make things happen and, a lot of times, that's exactly what you're needing. Your club can be falling asleep on you when one of the Sutters goes out and belts a few people and suddenly, hey, the show is on the road."

Bob Bourne

When you're listing the swiftest skaters in the NHL, don't forget to include Bob Bourne of Islanders. He's one of the very quickest.

It is usually forgotten now that Bourne represents one of general manager Bill Torrey's shrewdest trades. He was

obtained from Kansas City Scouts (now New Jersey Devils) in exchange for Larry Hornung and Bart Crashley, neither of whom is active in the NHL any more.

Bourne's Islander contract ran out in 1981 and he was a free agent all that summer before finally concluding a new deal with Torrey.

That agreement didn't lead to especially productive seasons, but Bourne was dynamic in the 1982 and '83 playoffs. He was Islanders' leading scorer in last spring's tournament (28 points in 20 games). Indeed, he has been 74-for-74 in Islanders' four post-season triumphs.

Bryan Trottier

There are those who insist Bryan Trottier, not Wayne Gretzky, is the No. 1 centre in the NHL. They admit Gretzky's scoring exploits impress them but argue for the importance of Trottier's versatility.

"I don't know who's best," says Islander coach Al Arbour, "but what I like about Trots is the wide range of things he does for us.

"First, he's been a really top scorer over a long period of time. And he's a defensive standout, besides. He wins the key faceoffs. And he dishes out plenty of physical punishment because he's so strong. Let's put it this way: he's got a combination of assets I wouldn't want to do without."

The 1982-83 season was well below Trottier's par in a great many ways. He totalled only 89 points after five consecutive years in which he'd surpassed 100. And even in the playoffs, he failed to provide Islanders with the usual offensive leadership.

"Maybe it was a slump of sorts," Arbour concedes, "but look at our defensive record. Tops in the league. Don't you think Trots had a lot to do with that?"

John Tonelli

Baseball has its Charlie Hustle, Pete Rose. His hockey counterpart is Islander left winger John Tonelli.

It has become part of the game's language — "a forward like John Tonelli."

That means a big, muscular fellow who can score goals and set them up but who also performs defensive duties with zestful care.

"Any right winger who goes up against Tonelli is in for a rough evening," says teammate Mike Bossy. "I should know. I face him in practices. That's bad enough because he knows only one way to go — flat out."

Tonelli joined Houston of the World Hockey Association before he'd finished junior competition so he was an experienced pro when the Islanders signed him in 1978. He had 71 points last season, down 22 from the year before.

Tomas Jonsson

Islanders' leader in plus-minus statistics last season was sophomore defenceman Tomas Jonsson. He ended the season with a net of 40, which means that, exclusive of penalty situations, the team outscored the opposition by that many goals while he was on the ice.

Jonsson made first string at his first Islander training camp in 1981. He was 21 at the time and joined fellow Swedes Stefan Persson and Anders Kallur on the Long Island roster.

"So he has won the Stanley Cup in both his seasons as a professional," says coach Al Arbour. "How's that for an average?"

Jonsson improved in his second term, adding 14 points to his offensive total during the regular schedule and adding 10 in the playoffs.

ISLANDERS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

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Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
✓ Mike Bossy	6-0	185	Montreal, Que.	Jan. 22, 1957	Islanders	60	58	118
✓ Bob Bourne	6-3	202	Netherhill, Sask.	June 21, 1954	Islanders	20	42	62
Bill Carroll	5-10	180	Toronto, Ont.	Jan. 19, 1959	Islanders	1	11	12
Clark Gillies	6-3	214	Moose Jaw, Sask.	April 7, 1954	Islanders	21	20	41
Greg Gilbert	6-1	194	Mississauga, Ont.	Jan. 22, 1962	Islanders	8	11	19
✓ Butch Goring	5-9	166	St. Boniface, Man.	Oct. 22, 1949	Islanders	19	20	39
✓ Mats Hallin	6-2	202	Ekilstuna, Sweden	March 19, 1958	Islanders	7	7	14
Anders Kallur	5-10	190	Ludvika, Sweden	July 6, 1958	Islanders	6	8	14
Wayne Merrick	6-1	198	Sarnia, Ont.	April 23, 1952	Islanders	4	12	16
✓ Bob Nystrom	6-1	200	Stockholm, Sweden	Oct. 10, 1952	Islanders	10	20	30
✓ Brent Sutter	5-11	175	Viking, Alta.	June 11, 1962	Islanders	21	19	40
Duane Sutter	6-1	189	Viking, Alta.	March 16, 1960	Islanders	13	19	32
✓ John Tonelli	6-1	197	Hamilton, Ont.	March 23, 1957	Islanders	31	40	71
✓ Bryan Trotter	5-11	198	Val Marie, Sask.	July 17, 1956	Islanders	34	55	89

MINNESOTA NORTH STARS



Only a matter of time

1982-83 Finish: Second, Norris Division.

Strengths: Excellent at all spots.

Weaknesses: Lack backbone, leadership.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: No. 2 again.

The Minnesota North Stars are the baffling enigma of the National Hockey League.

Loaded with talent, big, strong and fast, they have been spinning their wheels since losing the 1981 Stanley Cup final to New York Islanders.

The season following that very impressive achievement, Stars topped the Norris Division standings but then were humiliated in the initial playoff series.

The 1982-83 Stars, seemingly improved, fell back to second position in their own section and were hastily eliminated from the Stanley Cup tournament after beating lowly Toronto in the first round.

Now the man on the spot is Bill Mahoney, the latest choice of general manager Lou Nanne to coach this under-achieving outfit.

"I think it's only a matter of time until the Minnesota team wins the Stanley Cup," Mahoney says, "and I hope I'm still the coach when that happens."

Mahoney actually succeeds Nanne himself. Glen Sonmor had resigned with 36 matches left in the 1982-83 schedule and an assistant, Murray Oliver, had taken over. Nanne went downstairs and assumed command near the end of the season and through the playoffs. Then he launched a search for Sonmor's real replacement.

Mahoney is a product of Canadian college hockey, having coached at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, for 16 winters before going to the NHL on the Washington

staff. His last two terms were spent with Adirondack Red Wings, Detroit's affiliate in the American League.

"I'm a disciplinarian," says Mahoney, "and I'm not talking about curfews and standards of dress. I'm talking about every player having a definite assignment on the ice and carrying it out thoroughly and properly. That's the discipline which counts."

Meanwhile, Nanne had continued to wheel and deal in an ongoing effort to solidify Stars' future. He traded with the Detroit organization to secure the 1982 drafting priority which became the highly talented Brian Bellows. Last season, he made another deal to get Pittsburgh Penguins' top 1983 pick. And when the Penguins finished last, that gave Nanne first crack at the next crop of emerging juniors.

His '83 claim was Brian Lawton, an 18-year-old centre from Mount St. Charles High School in Woonsocket, R.I.

"You're working on two projects at the same time in this job," says Nanne. "Naturally, you're out to win the Cup. But you still have to be concerned about remaining strong in the years ahead. Bellows and Lawton actually can answer both needs."

Brian Bellows

"The amazing thing about Brian Bellows," says Murray Oliver of the Minnesota coaching staff, "is his maturity. He's only 19 yet, in a great many ways, is the most grown-up player we've got."

"I would compare him to Gordie Howe. He's not flashy. But he keeps making great plays. You don't notice him until he scores a goal or makes a great check. He always pops up in the right place."

Bellows was second among NHL freshmen last season with 35 goals and placed fourth in Calder Trophy voting.

"His trouble," Oliver explains, "was he looked so totally professional you had to keep reminding yourself he was a rookie — and an exceptionally young one at that. He actually could be the one to provide this club with the leadership it needs."

Neal Broten

The leading American player in the NHL is centre Neal Broten, tied for the top among Minnesota point-getters last season. He totalled 77 points, despite a 13-game stretch in which he got only two.

"I was down from the year before, when I had 98 points, but it wasn't necessarily a slump," says Broten. "Especially in the second half of the schedule, under Murray Oliver, we were concentrating on trying to improve our defensive statistics."

Broten was a standout with the victorious U.S. entry at the 1980 Olympics and was an All-American the same year at the University of Minnesota.

A younger brother, Aaron, plays for New Jersey Devils and was their top attacker last season.

Gordie Roberts

Asked to choose which of them had been Minnesota's most valuable, the 1982-83 North Stars named defenceman Gordie Roberts. In addition, the Minnesota media thought he had been the club's best rearguard and most improved workman.

Roberts had been a hockey pro at 17, with Hartford's World Hockey Association club. A year after Whalers entered the NHL, he was traded to the Minnesota outfit for Mike Fidler.

"Maybe, on a bad team at Hartford, I was trying to do too much," says Roberts, 25, trying to explain his recent advancement. "Here, all you have to do is get the puck up to the forwards and concentrate on defending your zone."

Bobby Smith

In a certain way, Bobby Smith personifies the Minnesota team. He has all the attributes of hockey greatness but keeps falling short of it.

"I think he's judged much too harshly," says general manager Lou Nanne, who landed Smith in the NHL's 1978 draft. "To me, he's just started out on an outstanding

career. That's what the statistics and the performance say to me."

Six-foot-four and 212 pounds, Smith compiled 441 points over his first five NHL seasons. He is 25 years old.

"Check out what he's done in the playoffs," Nanne suggests. "That's where they separate the men from the boys. It's been suggested Smith isn't tough enough. But he's at his best in the toughest situations."

Smith has engaged in 47 Stanley Cup matches and has scored 17 goals and 38 assists.

Craig Hartsburg

The notion was put to defenceman Craig Hartsburg that many people consider the North Stars a disappointing team.

"We're a disappointment to ourselves," Hartsburg replied. "We believe we should have accomplished more than we did in the last two or three years. Reasons? A lot of things. I can tell you, though, that we have tremendously strong incentive to improve. We want to make up for all our failures."

Though he's only 24, Hartsburg is an automatic selection any time a Team Canada is being formed for international competition. He took part in the 1981 Canada Cup and both the '82 and '83 world championships.

"Hartsburg is one of the best playmaking defencemen in the league," says general manager Lou Nanne. "But what is really noticeable is the way he has come along in his own end of the rink. He's Norris Trophy material now."

Dino Ciccarelli

The most popular Minnesota players, in virtually a dead heat, are native son Neal Broten and right winger Dino Ciccarelli.

It's not just that Ciccarelli has led the team in goals the last two seasons. He scores them with a flair. He is a specialist.

"It's a gift. Dino's got the touch," says Lou Nanne,

Stars' general manager. "He also has a very powerful desire to put the puck in the net. He senses an opportunity and then he goes for the jugular. At that point, he's a hard man to stop. He's willing to take a lot of punishment to get a shot away."

Nanne signed Ciccarelli as a free agent junior after other clubs had assumed a severe leg fracture had ended his career.

"He even played with a metal rod inside his leg, while it was mending," Nanne says, "but he made a complete recovery. At least that's how I would describe 92 goals in two years."

Steve Payne

Everything seems quiet and normal. Steve Payne is patrolling left wing for Minnesota, apparently minding his own business. Suddenly, an opposing player is seen falling to the ice or dragging himself to the bench.

"He is one of the most devastating hitters in the NHL," says general manager Lou Nanne. "And at six-foot-two and 212 pounds, he's got the equipment for the job."

Rooster Payne is rugged enough to seize possession in the corners and strong enough to maintain a goalmouth position. As a result, he has scored 158 Minnesota goals in five NHL campaigns.

"Another impressive fact," Nanne notes, "is that he leads Minnesota in playoff goals [31] over the years. In other words, he's at his best when the money's on the line."

Don Beaupre

North Stars' goalkeeping is an effective blend of dynamic youth and shrewd maturity.

Don Beaupre, who played 36 games last season and won 19, is only 22. His greatest assets are speed, agility, and an uncanny catching hand.

Gilles Meloche, winner in 20 of his 47 appearances, is 33 and a veteran of 12 NHL winters. He excels with know-how. He faces no situation that isn't familiar to him, no

opponent he hasn't studied. Rather than correct errors, he avoids making them in the first place.

"They represent a change, like a right-handed and left-handed pitcher. When we switch, the opposition is thrown off-balance because they're so different," says Minnesota boss Lou Nanne.

"And we always have an option. Beaupre can pick the team up with his exuberance. Meloche can steady the guys down with his poise and calmness. It's the perfect mixture."

Dennis Maruk

Peewee Maruk has something to prove as he resumes his NHL career in Minnesota, where he played briefly in 1978.

Washington's leading scorer last season, he was sent to the Stars for a second-round draft pick. He felt he was worth more.

"I thought that was an awfully low price," he said, "but if I believe it, I guess it's up to me to show everybody by what I can do on the ice."

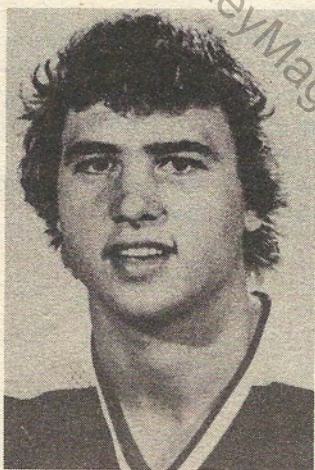
Maruk's defensive shortcomings were behind Caps' decision to let him go.

"Yes, I did have problems," says Maruk. "But I spent a lot of the time at left wing, a strange position, and I found it very difficult to place myself defensively after having been a centre for so long. It seemed I kept getting caught too deep in the opposition zone."

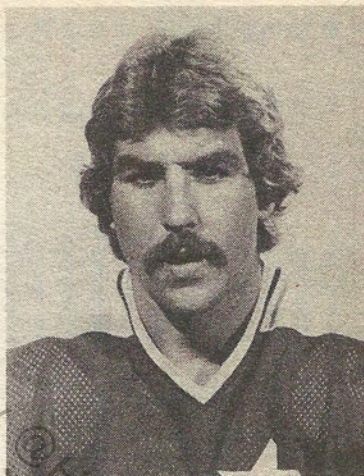
Stars needed help at centre and were attracted by Maruk's impressive offensive statistics.



Neal Broten



Curt Giles



Gordie Roberts

NORTH STARS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

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Neal Broten	5-9	160	Roseau, Minn.	Nov. 29, 1959	Minnesota	32	45	77
Steve Christoff	6-1	180	Richfield, Minn.	Jan. 23, 1958	Calgary	9	8	17
Dino Ciccarelli	5-11	185	Sarnia, Ont.	Aug. 8, 1960	Minnesota	37	38	75
Jordy Douglas	6-0	199	Winnipeg, Man.	Jan. 20, 1958	Minnesota	13	14	27
George Ferguson	6-0	195	Trenton, Ont.	Aug. 22, 1952	Pitt.-Minn.	8	12	20
Ron Friest	6-0	185	Windsor, Ont.	Nov. 4, 1958	Minnesota	6	7	13
Al MacAdam	6-0	180	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	March 16, 1952	Minnesota	11	22	33
Tom McCarthy	6-2	200	Toronto, Ont.	July 31, 1960	Minnesota	28	48	76
Dennis Maruk	5-8	165	Toronto, Ont.	Nov. 17, 1955	Washington	31	50	81
Steve Payne	6-2	205	Toronto, Ont.	Aug. 16, 1958	Minnesota	30	39	69
Willi Plett	6-3	205	Paraguay	June 7, 1955	Minnesota	25	14	39
Bobby Smith	6-4	210	North Sydney, N.S.	Feb. 12, 1958	Minnesota	24	53	77
Warren Young	6-3	195	Weston, Ont.	Jan. 11, 1956	Birmingham (CHL)	26	58	84

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

*Explaining a miracle*

1982-83 Finish: Third, Patrick Division.

Strengths: Solid defence, neat balance.

Weaknesses: May need scoring.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Fourth.

There was a real danger that Washington Capitals would go out of business during the summer of 1982.

Owner Abe Pollin had grown discouraged with a continuing lack of fan support, coupled with his organization's inability to put together a competitive team. In eight seasons as members of the National Hockey League, Caps had never once qualified for the Stanley Cup tournament.

Two things happened to change things around and bring a smile of contentment to Pollin's face.

The community got together and demonstrated to his satisfaction that ticket sales would increase.

And he hired a general manager who could — and did — make contenders of the woebegone Caps.

David Poile, in fact, made it look simple.

One trade was pretty much responsible for the reversal in Caps' fortunes. The hockey world was aware defence-man Rod Langway had told Montreal Canadiens he would retire if they didn't trade him to a U.S. club. And Caps desperately needed to better their rearguard.

So Poile opened negotiations with the Canadiens. What he ended up with, somewhat to his surprise, was the nucleus of a strong club.

He gave up two Washington fixtures, Ryan Walter and Rick Green, and in return received Langway, star defenceman Brian Engblom, checking ace Doug Jarvis, and winger Craig Laughlin.

Steadier in their own zone, Caps proceeded to knock 55

goals off their defensive total of the previous season and that led to a dramatic improvement in performance. Picking up an additional 29 points in the standings, they rose from 16th in the league to eighth overall — third in the tough Patrick Division. They won a spot in the playoffs, of course, and lost there to the eventual champions, New York Islanders.

"A lot of useful things had been accomplished before I got to Washington," Poile observes.

"Scott Stevens was an excellent choice in the junior draft. Caps didn't lose much in dealing for Pat Riggin, a proven goalie, and forward Ken Houston. And I don't believe what Washington already had was as bad as a lot of people felt. They had been making good moves.

"Anyway, that's all history. The question now is whether we can build on what we've started."

Poile took the initial step in that direction last summer by reaching out for Winnipeg Jets' captain, Dave Christian. He'd been locked in a contract dispute with the Winnipeg club and, rather than pursue the matter, Jets simply let him go.

"He's a quality player, only 23 years old," Poile explained. "We had to be interested in another centre."

Bobby Gould

The Frank Selke Trophy is awarded to the NHL forward who has done the best job of checking. Its 1982-83 winner was Philadelphia's Bobby Clarke, with Edmonton winger Jari Kurri the runner-up. Third in the voting was Washington's Bobby Gould.

"With him and Doug Jarvis, we could usually shut down the other club's big line," coach Bryan Murray said, "or at least keep it under control. And we killed penalties well."

Now 26, Gould had played three minor league seasons in the Calgary organization before being traded to Washington in November, 1981. He became an NHL regular immediately.

"Good positional players like Gould usually do well in Stanley Cup competition," Murray added, "and last spring was no exception. Bobby got five goals for us."

Scott Stevens

Only 18, Scott Stevens made the awesome leap from junior competition to the NHL last season — and played as a regular.

"That's a staggering achievement under the best of circumstances, but Stevens is a defenceman so it was infinitely more difficult," said David Poile, the Washington general manager. "The key to the situation is that Stevens was not your normal 18-year-old. He was physically mature, a man."

Stevens played so well he was third in the Calder Trophy contest, the third-best NHL rookie after Steve Larmer and Phil Housley.

"I got a lot of help from Rod Langway and Brian Engblom," said Stevens, who played for Team Canada at the world championships after Caps had been eliminated from Stanley Cup contention. "Going overseas and playing under all that pressure and against those top European teams was a beneficial experience, too."

Rod Langway

Montreal Canadiens really didn't want to lose Rod Langway. He and Larry Robinson were to be the heart of their defence as Robinson, Savard and Guy Lapointe had been in the Stanley Cup years. But Langway left his bosses no choice when he said he'd quit hockey if he couldn't be transferred to a U.S. organization.

Canadiens granted that wish and then their worst fears were borne out. Moved to Washington, Langway bloomed as simply the best rearguard in the NHL. That status was certified by the Norris Trophy and he made the first all-star team, too, naturally.

"I thing I owe the Montreal people a lot for accommodating me," says Langway, 26. "But on the other

hand, it was just good business on their part. It was either trade me or end up with nothing."

An American citizen, Langway played at the University of New Hampshire before spending four seasons with Canadiens. He was also a football star at New Hampshire.

Brian Engblom

"It was a fluke," Brian Engblom says, "when I made the second all-star team in 1982. People just voted for me because so many of the big name guys had been hurt. I'm realistic. My objective is to be consistent at my proper level, maybe somewhere in the top 10."

That's exactly where he was after being dealt to Washington last season. A 28-year-old veteran, he accompanied Rod Langway in the move and the two of them were instrumental in making the Caps contenders.

"I think this club is being built in the right way, with guys like myself and Rod and such young defencemen as Scott Stevens, Darren Veitch and Timo Blomqvist," Engblom notes. "It's the area where you need to be solid, first of all."

Caps added further strength back of the blueline last summer when they signed a skilful Swede named Peter Anderson.

Al Jensen

Excited publicity surrounded Pat Riggin's arrival in Washington last season, but it was the goaltending of unheralded Al Jensen that got the Caps rolling. Riggin's excellence didn't become apparent until the latter part of the campaign when it was established Caps were in contention for second place in the Patrick Division.

Jensen had labored in the minors until Caps got him from the Detroit organization in a 1981 trade for Mark Lofthouse. That first year, he shared the assignment with Dave Parro and Mike Palmateer. Last season, however, he played in 40 games and of 39 decisions, won 21 and tied six.

Riggin eventually ended up with 17 wins, nine draws and nine defeats. Only 24, he has been a pro since 1978.

"You've got to be solid in the nets. That's your bottom line," says general manager Dave Poile. "Without that, nothing else you do means a thing. And I do believe we are sound in that department."

Bobby Carpenter

People have grown accustomed to excellent young American hockey players now — such standouts as Phil Housley, Brian Lawton, and Pat LaFontaine.

But Bobby Carpenter, a grizzled veteran of 20, was a real novelty when he came along. It was big news when the 1981 Capitals drafted him out of a Massachusetts high school.

"I guess it says something about Carpenter when he's sort of taken for granted around the NHL now," says David Poile, the Washington general manager. "A kid that young, with all that talent, should be creating a sensation everywhere he goes. Instead, he's accepted as just one more of Washington's good players. And he is — one of the very best. It's just that he's only a boy."

Carpenter's offensive output last season was up slightly over that of his rookie year, but when it came to those significant plus-minus statistics, he was even. And that was truly remarkable.

Dave Christian

Washington Capitals ventured into hockey's free agent market last summer and signed centre Dave Christian, who'd been released by Winnipeg Jets.

"We wanted him back," said John Ferguson, Jets' general manager, "but in view of the young players we had coming up, we couldn't justify giving him the contract he wanted."

"Don't overlook the U.S. money angle," said David Poile, Ferguson's counterpart in Washington. "That gave us an edge in negotiations. He preferred to play in this country. And we really did want him. He's one of the most

versatile young centres in the NHL. And don't forget he was team captain in Winnipeg."

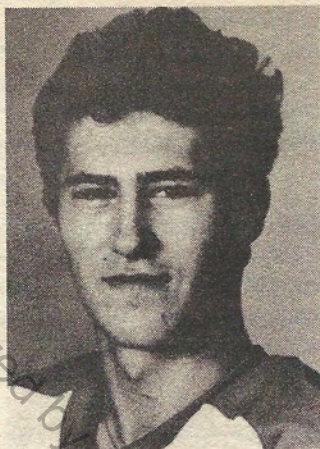
Christian joined the Winnipeg club in 1980, after contributing to the U.S. Olympic victory at Lake Placid. He has recorded as many as 76 points in a single NHL campaign and is a recognized specialist on the power play.

Mike Gartner

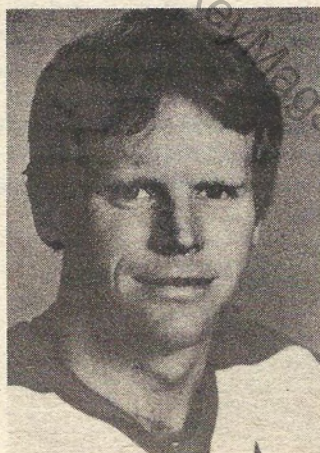
Sheer speed? Who's the fastest skater in the NHL? Some say Philadelphia's Ron Flockhart. Islanders' Bob Bourne has his supporters. Gil Perreault in Buffalo is still one of the swiftest. Glenn Anderson, Ken Linseman and Mark Messier of Edmonton are among the fleetest. And Washington's Mike Gartner can't be excluded from consideration.

"He's one of the few Canadian pros who can keep up with the Russians," says coach Dave King, who had Gartner on Team Canada at last spring's world championships. "He can accelerate enough to break into the open or get into position for a defensive play. And he's very tough to cover."

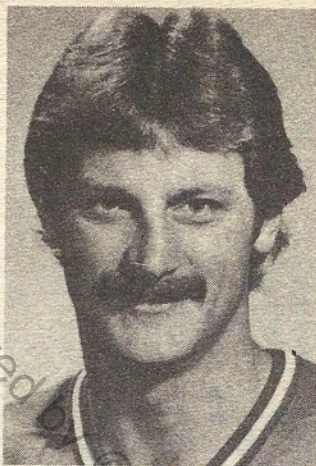
Gartner was a pro at 18, in the World Hockey Association. Now he's in his fifth NHL campaign, having counted 157 goals in his first four. He scored 38 last season despite missing seven games because of an eye injury which turned out to be far less severe than it first seemed. At one point, he felt his vision was in danger. Now he plays with a protective facial shield.



Bobby Carpenter



Doug Jarvis



Rod Langway
Norris Trophy winner



Pat Riggin

CAPITALS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Bobby Carpenter	5-11	178	Beverly, Mass.	July 13, 1963	Washington	32	37	69
Dave Christian	5-11	170	Warroad, Minn.	May 12, 1959	Winnipeg	18	26	44
Glen Currie	6-1	177	Montreal, Que.	July 18, 1958	Washington	11	28	39
Gaetan Duchesne	5-11	177	Quebec City, Que.	July 11, 1961	Washington	18	19	37
Mike Gartner	6-0	180	Ottawa, Ont.	Oct. 29, 1959	Washington	38	38	76
Bobby Gould	5-11	195	Petrolia, Ont.	Sept. 2, 1957	Washington	22	18	40
Pengt Gustafsson	6-0	185	Karlskoga, Sweden	March 23, 1958	Washington	22	42	64
Alan Haworth	5-10	188	Drummondville, Que.	Sept. 1, 1960	Washington	23	27	50
Ken Houston	6-2	207	Dresden, Ont.	Sept. 15, 1953	Washington	25	14	39
Doug Jarvis	5-9	165	Peterborough, Ont.	March 24, 1955	Washington	8	22	30
Graig Laughlin	5-11	196	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 18, 1957	Washington	17	27	44
Chris Valentine	6-0	191	Belleville, Ont.	Dec. 6, 1961	Washington	7	10	17

Defencemen

Timo Blomqvist	6-0	198	Helsinki, Finland	Jan. 23, 1961	Washington	1	17	18
Brian Engblom	6-2	200	Winnipeg, Man.	Jan. 27, 1955	Washington	5	22	27
Rod Langway	6-3	215	Maag, Taiwan	May 3, 1957	Washington	3	29	32
Paul MacKinnon	6-0	195	Brantford, Ont.	Nov. 6, 1958	Washington	2	2	4
Scott Stevens	5-11	200	Kitchener, Ont.	April 1, 1964	Washington	9	16	25
Greg Theberge	5-11	192	Peterborough, Ont.	Sept. 3, 1959	Washington	8	28	36
Darren Veitch	6-0	195	Saskatoon, Sask.	April 24, 1960	Washington	0	8	8

Goalies

Al Jensen	5-10	180	Hamilton, Ont.	Nov. 27, 1958	Washington	GPI	GA	Avg.
Dave Parro	5-11	165	Saskatoon, Sask.	April 30, 1957	Washington	40	135	3.44
Pat Riggan	5-9	165	Kincardine, Ont.	May 26, 1959	Washington	6	19	4.37
						38	121	3.36

BUFFALO SABRES

Scotty's fountain of youth

1982-83 Finish: Third, Adams Division.

Strengths: Superb youth, attack.

Weaknesses: Defence, depth unsure.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Second.



Just about everybody around the National Hockey League is agreed upon this one proposition: Buffalo Sabres can look ahead to an exceptionally bright future.

The plan Scotty Bowman put in place, upon becoming Sabres' general manager in 1979, has begun to take definite shape. A handsome payoff is in prospect.

One thing Bowman did, over his first four seasons in Buffalo, was to move out many of the veteran players who had become such familiar faces at the Memorial Auditorium, but had never brought the franchise a championship — Richard Martin, Rene Robert, Jim Schoenfeld, Jerry Korab, Don Edwards, Don Luce and most recently, Andre Savard and Tony McKegney.

Bowman's youth movement swung into high gear during the 1982-83 season.

Also Sabres' coach, he experimented boldly with rookies like Phil Housley, Hannu Virta, Paul Cyr, Dave Andreychuk, Mike Moller, Sean McKenna and even goalie Jacques Cloutier.

So now he has a group of youngsters with extensive NHL experience. Virta and Housley, for instance, are only 19 years old. Cyr and Andreychuk are 20. Moller and McKenna are a year older. And Cloutier is just 23.

On top of all that, Buffalo's top farm club, Rochester Americans, won the American League championship. So Bowman has another set of excellent young prospects, all eager for a shot at NHL employment.

"I can tell you, we were prepared to live with a lot of problems because we knew what we were going to end up with, down the road," Bowman said. "So it was a pleasant surprise when we had really a decent season. This was supposed to be the bad year, where we'd suffer a little."

The 1982-83 Sabres wound up third in the Adams Division standings and then recorded a memorable Stanley Cup achievement when they quickly blasted Montreal Canadiens right out of the opening playoff round.

The sectional final then went a full seven games before Boston Bruins eliminated Bowman's kiddie corps.

"When you look around the NHL," said Bowman, "I think it's noticeable that of all the teams, we're the one with the greatest capacity for improvement and growth. We performed some pretty drastic surgery and did a lot of transplants but we're going to be a lot healthier because of it — in the long run."

Phil Housley

Equipped with extraordinary offensive skills, Phil Housley has often played centre. But he's also superb on defence and that's where he spent almost all of his rookie season in the NHL.

And he'll remain at that position, according to coach Scotty Bowman.

"It boils down to this," Bowman says. "A great defenceman is a lot harder to find than a great centre. And he'll take you a lot further."

The brilliant redhead leapt all the way from South St. Paul High School in Minnesota to Buffalo's NHL line-up between the spring and fall of 1982. He didn't turn 19 until near the end of his initial pro campaign.

"There was no doubt, right from the beginning, that he belonged in the NHL," Bowman recalled. "When we took him in the draft, we were prepared to move slowly with him, but that proved unnecessary. Right away, he showed us the ability to control and dominate a game."

"What's he like? He's like a Bobby Orr. He'll do for us what Orr did in Boston."

Actually, Housley's first year was better than Orr's. With 19 goals and 47 assists, he was third among all Buffalo attackers. And, demonstrating complete maturity in difficult situations, he added seven playoff points. Later on, he was runner-up to Chicago's Steve Larmer in voting to select the season's most outstanding NHL newcomer.

Paul Cyr

Buffalo boss Scotty Bowman dealt for Calgary Flames' first-round pick in the NHL's 1982 amateur draft. The price was high — goalie Don Edwards and defenceman Richie Dunn — but the payoff has been richly impressive.

Bowman used that drafting priority to claim left wing Paul Cyr from the Victoria, B.C. juniors.

"Cyr has that extra special scoring touch you associate with left wingers like Richard Martin and Steve Shutt," Bowman said. "He can get open and he can shoot."

Cyr, now 20, had counted 52 times during his final junior campaign with Victoria.

He got into 36 NHL matches during his first winter as a professional and scored 15 goals, while assisting on a dozen of his teammates' tallies.

Bob Sauve

Detroit Red Wings were very happy with the 41 games Bob Sauve played in their goal during the latter part of the 1981-82 NHL season. But, they were unable to get his signature on a new contract.

That had been the situation when Buffalo Sabres originally traded Sauve to Detroit. He was to become a free agent in the summer of '82. And when it came time to decide, he kept his options open, rejecting the Red Wings' offer.

By then, Sabres' own situation had changed. They had dealt away Don Edwards. Now they needed Sauve. And theirs was the deal he finally accepted.

Sauve worked 54 games for Buffalo last season, winning

25, tying seven and losing 20. His understudy, a 25-year-old freshman named Jacques Cloutier, had 25 starts, and oldtimer Phil Myre did some useful backstopping in support of them both.

Gilbert Perreault

There were two untouchables when Scotty Bowman was revamping his Buffalo roster. One was the peerless defender, left winger Craig Ramsay. The other, of course, was the swift and spectacular Gil Perreault.

"He'll be 33 this year and he's had a broken leg but he's lost none of his speed," Bowman marvels. "And he has adapted really well. Since I've been here, he's become such a fine checker that I even use him to kill penalties. And he does a good job of it."

The 1982-83 campaign wasn't one of Perreault's most productive, by any means. But he did lead Sabres in scoring with 76 points and that total moved him ahead of Henri Richard into 14th place among all NHL attackers. Gordie Howe leads, it goes without saying, with 1,850 points. Perreault had 1,077 after 13 NHL seasons.

"People talk about speed as if it were a recent discovery in the NHL," Bowman notes, "but Perreault has made good use of it since he came into the league in 1970. You can see what it does. It opens up the ice and ruins the opposition's defensive formations. And it corrects mistakes. That's its virtue on defence."

Mike Foligno

Six NHL players changed cities in a colossal 1981 trade, but as far as Buffalo Sabres were concerned, only one really mattered.

"The guy I was after was Mike Foligno," said Scotty Bowman, Sabres' general manager, "and I did what was necessary to get him."

Dale McCourt and Brent Peterson accompanied Foligno from Detroit to Buffalo, and Wings got Danny Gare, Jim Schoenfeld and Derek Smith.

"I believe Foligno is going to become a big NHL star,"

Bowman predicted, "the kind you need to build a winner. A superstar on offence."

After almost two years, the jury was still deliberating the pros and cons of the transaction. Foligno, 24, had scored only 42 goals in 122 games as a Sabre right winger.

McCourt, a gifted centreman, actually outdid Foligno last season by contributing 52 points. He'd gone to Buffalo only because Wings insisted he be part of the Foligno package.

Mike Ramsey

The suspicion is approaching reality. Of all those dedicated young men who captured the 1980 Olympic hockey title for the U.S., Mike Ramsey may turn out to be the best.

As soon as the Lake Placid tournament was over, Ramsey joined the Buffalo defence and has remained there ever since, improving steadily.

He was Sabres' leading playoff scorer last spring, with eight points in 10 Stanley Cup games.

"You don't get to be a competent defenceman in the NHL real fast," says Ramsey, 22. "Obviously, a defenceman is expected to participate in the attack these days. But I approached that part of my game slowly and carefully while I was making sure about the defensive side of things. Once I was satisfied about that, and confident, I had the basis I could expand on."

Accordingly, the University of Minnesota graduate is contributing to the offensive game, a trend which climaxed in his excellent Stanley Cup statistics.

Lindy Ruff

Scotty Bowman has a pet theory about NHL success.

"You need a guy like Lindy Ruff," says the Buffalo GM, "who can play either defence or forward.

"It's like having two extra men on the roster. If you need him to kill penalties, he's available. If you want to form an extra forward line, he's there. If you run into an

injury, he can fill in wherever he's needed. And he can take a regular turn on defence."

Though only 23, Ruff already has four winters of NHL exposure under his belt — always as the sort of trouble-shooter Bowman referred to.

"Because he's a spot player, he's usually fresh and that means he gives the whole club a lift when you send him out," Bowman notes. "This kind of a fellow will often get you a big goal because he's going against tired opposition. He has an edge."

Ruff was a playoff standout for the Sabres last April and May, scoring four times.

Real Cloutier

At one time, Buddy Cloutier was one of the premier marksmen in professional hockey. He hasn't been lately, but he's only 27.

With those facts in mind, the Sabres obtained him from Quebec Nordiques during the summer. They also acquired a draft priority they used to continue stockpiling youth. And, in payment, they cleared away some of their surplus manpower by sending to the Nords Tony McKegney, Andre Savard, and J.F. Sauve.

"There was one stretch where Cloutier got 257 goals in four World Hockey Association seasons," said Sabre boss Scotty Bowman. "And all that time, he was a real worker, as well."

Cloutier has scored only 122 times in four years with Quebec in the NHL. But he hadn't been especially happy there, finally requesting a trade. He may begin to enjoy life again with the up-and-coming Buffalo organization.



Real Cloutier



Paul Cyr



Phil Housley

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SABRES' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Dave Andreychuk	6-3	195	Hamilton, Ont.	Sept. 29, 1963	Buffalo	14	23	37
Real Cloutier	5-10	185	St. Emile, Que.	July 30, 1956	Quebec	28	39	67
Paul Cyr	5-10	184	Port Alberni, B.C.	Oct. 31, 1963	Buffalo	15	12	27
Mal Davis	5-11	186	Lockport, N.S.	Oct. 10, 1956	Buffalo	8	12	20
✓ Mike Foligno	6-2	195	Sudbury, Ont.	Jan. 29, 1959	Buffalo	22	25	47
Gilles Hamel	6-0	183	Asbestos, Que.	March 18, 1960	Buffalo	22	20	42
✓ Dale McCourt	5-10	185	Falconbridge, Ont.	Jan. 26, 1957	Buffalo	20	32	52
Sean McKenna	6-0	190	Asbestos, Que.	March 7, 1962	Buffalo	10	14	24
Mike Moller	6-0	189	Calgary, Alta.	June 16, 1962	Buffalo	6	12	18
Bob Mongrain	5-10	176	La Sarre, Que.	Aug. 31, 1959	Rochester (AHL)	29	53	82
Steve Patrick	6-4	204	Winnipeg, Man.	Feb. 4, 1961	Buffalo	9	13	22
✓ Gilbert Perreault	6-0	202	Victoriaville, Que.	Nov. 13, 1950	Buffalo	30	46	76
✓ Brent Peterson	6-0	190	Calgary, Alta.	Feb. 15, 1958	Buffalo	13	24	37
✓ Craig Ramsay	5-10	176	Weston, Ont.	March 17, 1951	Buffalo	11	18	29
Geordie Robertson	6-0	163	Victoria, B.C.	Aug. 1, 1959	Rochester (AHL)	46	73	119
✓ Ric Seiling	6-1	178	Elmira, Ont.	Dec. 15, 1957	Buffalo	19	22	41

Defencemen

Dave Fenyves	5-11	168	Dunnville, Ont.	May 12, 1957	Buffalo	0	8	8
✓ Bill Hajt	6-3	204	Radisson, Sask.	Oct. 18, 1951	Buffalo	3	12	15
✓ Phil Housley	5-10	180	St. Paul, Minn.	March 9, 1964	Buffalo	19	47	66
✓ Larry Playfair	6-4	210	Fort St. James, B.C.	June 23, 1958	Buffalo	4	13	17
✓ Mike Ramsey	6-3	195	Minneapolis, Minn.	Dec. 3, 1960	Buffalo	8	30	38
Lindy Ruff	6-2	195	Warburg, Alta.	Feb. 17, 1960	Buffalo	12	17	29
John van Boxmeer	6-0	192	Petrolia, Ont.	Nov. 20, 1952	Buffalo	6	21	27
Hannu Virta	6-0	176	Turku, Finland	March 22, 1963	Buffalo	13	24	37

Goalies

Jacques Cloutier	5-7	154	Noranda, Que.	Jan. 1, 1960	Buffalo	GPI	GA	Avg.
Phil Myre	6-1	185	Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.			25	81	3.50
✓ Bob Sauve	5-8	165	Ste. Genevieve, Que.	Nov. 1, 1948	Buffalo	5	21	4.20
				June 17, 1955	Buffalo	54	179	3.45

NEW YORK RANGERS



It's a whole new game

1982-83 Finish: Fourth, Patrick Division.

Strengths: Speed, mobility, Brooks.

Weaknesses: Goalkeeping unsure.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Second.

The more time Herb Brooks spends coaching New York Rangers, the more they resemble his 1980 U.S. Olympians, the ones who knocked off the mighty Russians and carted away the gold medal.

"We do have a vision of what hockey ought to be — keeping the play in motion, showing the opposition a changing pattern, capitalizing on our speed," says Brooks.

"To a large extent, it's the game plan I used at Lake Placid and I'm convinced it will work in the National Hockey League."

Brooks's philosophy was put to the test in the opening round of last spring's Stanley Cup playdowns. His Rangers, who had finished 26 points behind Philadelphia Flyers during the regular schedule, were meeting them now. And Flyers were steadfast adherents to traditional hockey beliefs. They played a physical game at a controlled pace. Coach Bob McCammon snickered at the hurrying Rangers, calling them Smurfs.

But the Flyers were totalled outmanoeuvred in three games. They looked cumbersome. Chalk one up for the moderns — and the Smurfs.

"I don't believe the 1982-83 season overall presented a true reflection of our capabilities," Brooks contends, "for the simple reason that I never had a complete line-up to work with. We were badly hurt by injuries. Tom Laidlaw was the only player available for all 80 scheduled games.

"Logically, you wouldn't expect that situation to be

repeated. So we could look for improvement just for that reason, quite apart from the fact it's taking time to switch everybody over to what we're trying to accomplish."

Rangers, .500 over the season, followed their playoff conquest of Philly by losing out to Islanders in the expressway series.

"They're the Stanley Cup champions," Brook observes, "so we have a very accurate assessment of what we have to do. Plenty."

Willie Huber

Rangers have the NHL's loftiest, meatiest defence. A towering figure was acquired in a trade last June — Willie Huber moved in alongside Barry (Bubba) Beck. Huber is 6-foot-5 and weighs 225 pounds. Beck is two inches shorter and 15 pounds lighter, about the same size as another newcomer on the Manhattan rearguard, Scott Kleinendorst.

Rangers also acquired two swift wingers in the deal with Detroit, Mark Osborne and Mike (Blazer) Blaisdell, both of whom would fit in neatly with coach Herb Brooks's flowing offensive patterns. The whole bundle — Huber, Blaisdell and Osborne — cost Rangers regulars Ron Duguay, Eddie Johnstone and Eddie Mio.

"We think Huber is among the best of the younger NHL defencemen," said general manager Craig Patrick. "Size counts for something when you have as many small players in key positions as we do. And the fact Huber had shown good offensive skills was an extra dimension we found appealing."

Osborne had been Detroit's leading scorer, with 26 goals and 41 assists, as a 1982-83 rookie. Blaisdell, first player taken by Wings in the 1980 draft, is only 23, but has two NHL seasons behind him already.

Mark Pavelich

After helping the U.S. win the 1980 Olympic championship, Mark Pavelich went overseas and spent a winter in a Swiss hockey at Lugano.

"Having worked together in that Olympic program, Herb Brooks and I knew what Pavelich could do, so we signed him as a free agent in 1981," says general manager Craig Patrick.

"It was one of the all-time great bargains. Pavelich didn't cost us a thing. It was like having an extra draft pick with the guesswork removed."

A sophomore pro last season at 25, Pavelich emerged as a genuine NHL star. He was second in shooting accuracy, knocking in 37 (24 percent) of his 154 shots on goal, and he compiled a very impressive plus-20.

And Pavelich entered his name in Rangers' own history book, equalling a club mark by scoring five times in a single game.

Mike Rogers

Rangers were severely handicapped in the Stanley Cup tournament last spring. Mike Rogers, their offensive kingpin, was still being troubled by the back spasms which had kept him out of the last eight scheduled matches.

Even if he'd remained fit, Rogers wouldn't have managed a fourth 100-point season in succession. In the 72 games he was able to play, he totalled only 76 points.

"I'm not sure I didn't play better hockey, though," says Rogers, 28. "I mean I still had the most points on the team and I was devoting a lot more attention to checking people. I had five goals against opposition power plays, you know."

The diminutive Rogers had been a World Hockey Association standout before entering the NHL with Hartford Whalers, who dealt him to the Rangers in 1981.

Anders Hedberg

Injuries have forced Ulf Nilsson to retire, but his sidekick, Anders Hedberg, is still around to keep Rangers' Swedish connection alive. In fact, he's better than ever after taking a year to get over a knee injury he suffered while preparing for the 1981 Canada Cup.

"He was outstanding for us in the playoffs after scoring

25 goals during the regular season," said general manager Craig Patrick. "It appears he's got his old speed back."

Hedberg had scored 236 goals in four World Hockey Association campaigns before joining the Rangers, with Nilsson, in 1978. He hadn't missed a single scheduled match before running into that 1981 problem.

The unfortunate Nilsson, on the other hand, had to sit out 230 of Rangers' 400 games before he finally quit last spring.

Reijo Ruotsalainen

It's pronounced Ree-yo Root-sa-lay-nen. Ranger fans take the easy way out and call him R.R., Ray, Ratso and Remy.

Anyway, they've had to come up with something catchy because the Finnish defenceman, in his second NHL season, was becoming one of New York's most accomplished professional athletes.

"He's probably the best pure skater in the whole league," says coach Herb Brooks, "which enables him to play his position beautifully. He has a sixth sense about setting up plays and, of course, lays down lovely passes."

Ruotsalainen was involved in 69 Ranger goals last term, up 13 from his rookie performance. And he was plus-27, in terms of two-way efficiency.

Scout Danny Summers gets the credit for tabbing Ruotsalainen in the 1980 NHL draft.

Barry Beck

Football lost a great prospect when Bubba Beck elected to abandon a budding career as a middle linebacker and specialize in hockey defence, instead. He's got the right structure for a football player, 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds.

By 1977, the Vancouverite was one of the hottest properties in Canadian junior hockey and was drafted into the NHL by Colorado Rockies. They dealt him to the Rangers in 1979 and he has been one of Manhattan's most imposing sports personalities ever since.

Nobody slaves away with more dedication, to improve

himself. Beck has taken special lessons to improve his skating. He has trained at boxing to sharpen his manual speed and co-ordination. He has practised assiduously. He is liable to win the Norris Trophy one of these winters.

Now 26, Beck posted a very admirable plus-22 last season, despite all Rangers' difficulties. And he had six points in nine playoff contests.

Nick Fotiu

The most popular Ranger player? That question is easy to answer. It's Nicholas Evlampios Fotiu, a Greek boy and the first native New Yorker ever to play for the club. He hails from Staten Island, across the harbor.

There was widespread resentment in all the boroughs when Fotiu was sent to Hartford as part of NHL expansion in 1979. So he was retrieved two years later. Fotiu resumed his well-known habit of throwing pucks to the spectators after his club's pre-game rehearsal.

Fotiu is not a prolific scorer. He got only 44 goals over his first seven NHL seasons. But he is an enthusiastic digger and hitter and, in his own way, a very important team leader. He has a way of making something happen when he lumbers out onto the ice surface.

Don Maloney

The Maloney brothers from Ontario constitute one of pro sport's most durable family acts.

Defenceman Dave was drafted by Rangers in 1974, and left winger Don followed three years later. Each put in part of his initial pro season down on the farm before becoming a regular feature of Madison Square Garden productions. And both pinpoint their career highlights so far — reaching the 1979 Stanley Cup final.

"I think this club is heading back in that direction now," says Dave, a former Ranger captain, "and we hope we're still around when the program pays off."

Bothered by a knee injury in the 1981-82 season, Don rebounded last winter to get his overall goals total past 100. He's 25, his brother 27.



Mark Pavelich



Mike Rogers

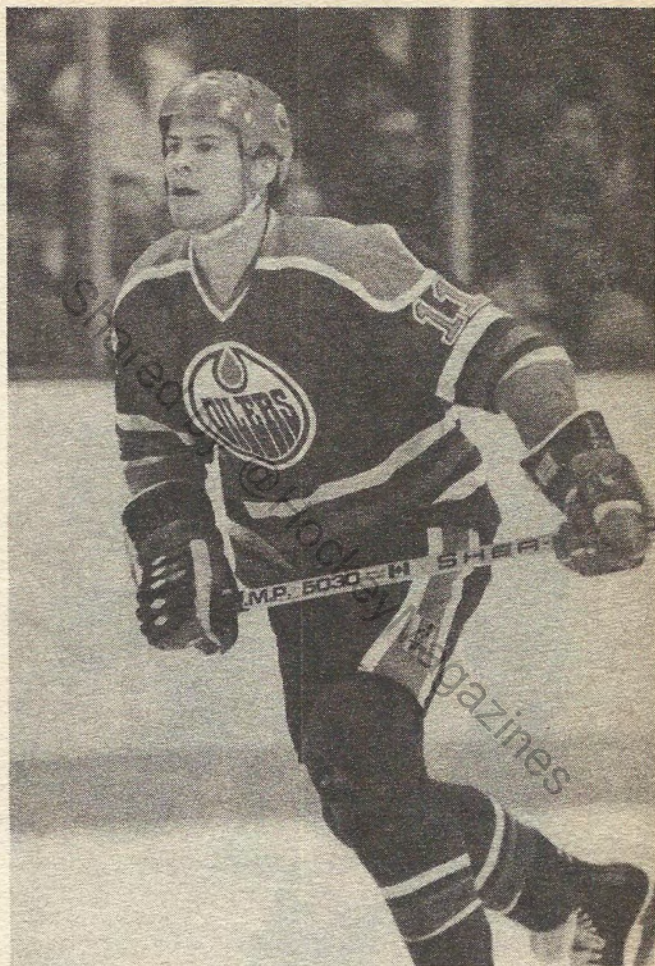
RANGERS 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Mike Allison	6-0	200	Fort Frances, Ont.	March 28, 1961	Rangers	11	9	20
Kent-Erik Andersson	6-2	190	Orebro, Sweden	May 24, 1951	Rangers	8	20	28
Mike Blaisdell	6-1	200	Moose Jaw, Sask.	Jan. 8, 1960	Detroit	18	23	41
Wick Fotiu	6-2	210	Staten Island, N.Y.	May 25, 1952	Rangers	8	13	21
Robbie Ftorek	5-10	155	Needham, Mass.	Jan. 2, 1952	Rangers	12	19	31
Anders Hedberg	5-11	175	Ornskoldsvik, Sweden	Feb. 25, 1951	Rangers	25	34	59
Chris Kontos	6-1	195	Toronto, Ont.	Dec. 10, 1963	Rangers	8	7	15
Mikko Leinonen	6-0	175	Tampere, Finland	July 15, 1955	Rangers	17	34	51
Don Maloney	6-1	190	Lindsay, Ont.	Sept. 5, 1958	Rangers	29	40	69
Rob McClanahan	5-10	180	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 9, 1958	Rangers	22	26	48
Mark Osborne	6-2	200	Toronto, Ont.	Aug. 13, 1961	Detroit	19	24	43
Mark Pavelich	5-8	170	Eveleth, Minn.	Feb. 28, 1958	Rangers	37	38	75
Mike Rogers	5-8	175	Calgary, Alta.	Oct. 24, 1954	Rangers	29	47	76
Dave Silk	5-11	190	Scituate, Minn.	Jan. 1, 1958	Tulsa (CHL)	28	29	57



Rick Middleton, Boston Bruins



Mark Messier, Edmonton Oilers



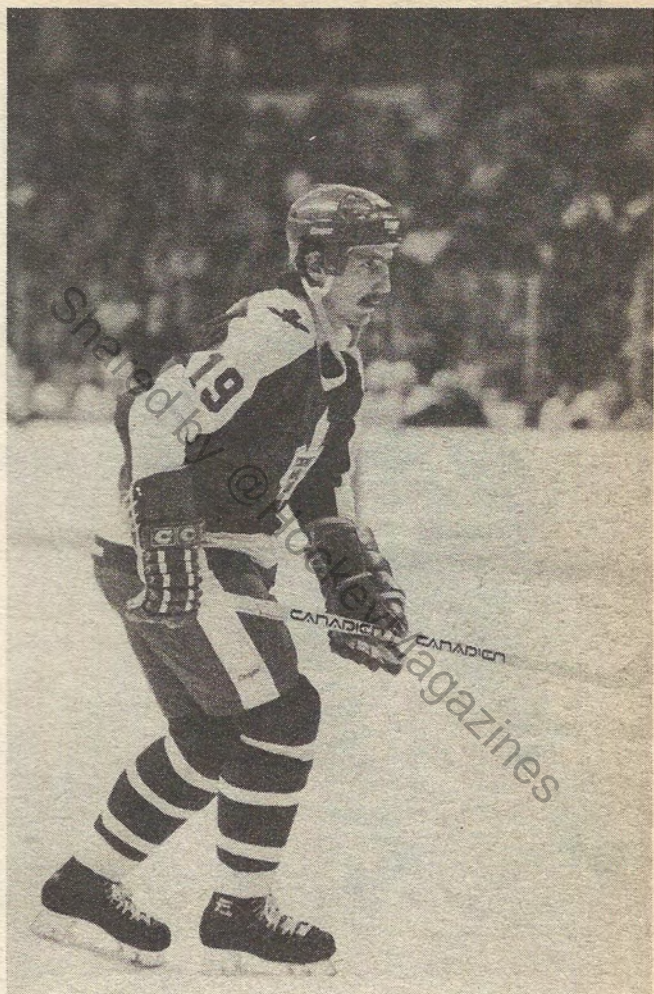
Mike Rogers, New York Rangers



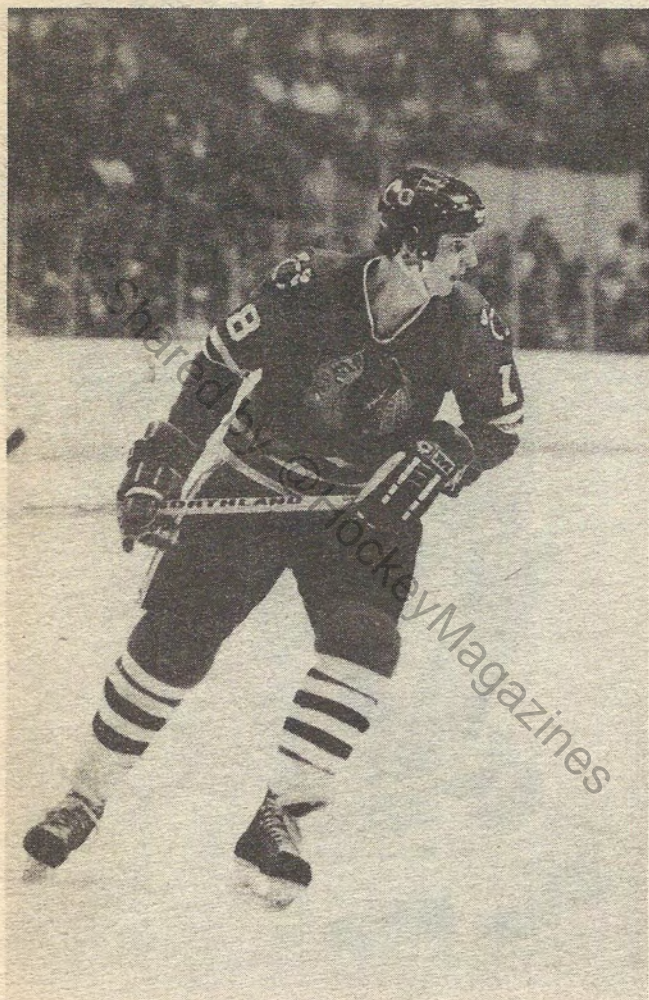
**Billy Smith, New York Islanders
Winner of the Conn Smythe and Jennings Trophies**



Bobby Smith, Minnesota North Stars



Bill Derlago, Toronto Maple Leafs



Denis Savard, Chicago Black Hawks



Mark Pavelich, New York Rangers

QUEBEC NORDIQUES



It's time to get lucky

1982-83 Finish: Fourth, Adams Division.

Strengths: Fine scoring, Stastnys.

Weaknesses: Maybe in goal, on defence.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: A better fourth.

Did injuries hurt the 1982-83 Quebec Nordiques?

Yes, you could definitely say that.

"Mario Marois broke a leg in our exhibition game against the Russians in December. We scrambled to replace him and I don't think our defence ever totally recovered," says Marcel Aubut, the president of Quebec City's National Hockey League entry.

"Then there was a night when we beat New York Islanders and Marian Stastny scored two goals. Right after that, he separated a shoulder and was out for the season," Aubut added.

Yes, that sounds significant, all right, but was there more?

"Indeed, there was," Aubut replied. "We continued to adjust our line-up and develop replacements, and in the first game of the Stanley Cup playoffs against Boston, we had a 3-0 lead. At that moment, another defenceman was hurt. We lost Normand Rochefort. That was the last straw. We were finished.

"But as you can see, there is reason for optimism concerning the future. Perhaps we will be more fortunate another year."

Nordiques greatly strengthened their offensive roster with a trade they completed last June. They acquired Andre Savard, Tony McKegney and Jean Francois (J.F.) Sauve from Buffalo Sabres in exchange for dissatisfied Real Cloutier and their first-round draft pick (Sabres took Adam Creighton).

"McKegney is one of the best left wingers in the league and just a young guy. Savard is the experienced two-way centre we needed. And Sauve is an excellent prospect," says general manager Maurice Filion. "Sauve had 99 points in the American League with Rochester, even though he was up with Buffalo for nine games."

Nords hated to lose Buddy Cloutier, of course, but he was outspokenly unhappy in Quebec and had asked to be moved.

"So that brings us back to our defence," says Filion. "Well, we feel our program with youngsters is becoming successful. Rochefort is one, Dave Pichette another, and now there's Randy Moller. But that was the importance of Marois. Though only 24, he was a veteran and very steady. We missed him greatly."

Michel Goulet

An NHL rumor last spring had Nordiques trading left winger Michel Goulet.

General manager Maurice Filion squelched the story in a hurry.

"He is one player we would never deal," Filion stated, and that was before Goulet was confirmed as a member of the NHL's second all-star team, overshadowed only by Edmonton's Mark Messier. And earlier, Goulet had been selected to play for Team Canada at the world championships.

Goulet, 23, had been a member of Quebec's first NHL roster in 1979. His production rose steadily from 22 goals and 54 points that initial season to 32 and 71, then 42 and 84 and finally, to 57 and 105.

"He is so fast and clever that he is our best at killing penalties, too," says coach Michel Bergeron. "And even with all the experience he's got — five years a pro — he's still a very young fellow."

Tony McKegney

Among all the youngsters graduating from junior hockey in 1978, Tony McKegney was considered one of the very brightest prospects. But many NHL teams backed

away from taking him because they understood he had signed with Birmingham in the World Hockey Association.

Buffalo Sabres got him through a deal with the Birmingham club, and he gave them five years of excellence on left wing. Now he has become a Nordique, having been traded to Quebec last June. And guess what Quebec personnel director recommended the acquisition? Why, it was Gilles Leger, who'd been Birmingham's general manager in 1978.

McKegney had slumped to 23 goals during the 1981-82 schedule but rebounded to 35, with 37 assists, last year. It was his best NHL production.

"Scotty Bowman used good psychology on me," McKegney explained. "He put me at a new position, centre, knowing I'd have to really concentrate. And as soon as that happened, as soon as I got my intensity back, I started to roll again."

Dan Bouchard

The Steve Carlton of hockey, Dan Bouchard refuses to speak to the media. He lets his goaltending do the talking.

And there is no question that Bouchard, now 32, is one of the NHL's foremost netminders. His work speaks very eloquently indeed.

"He is very important to us while our young defencemen are learning," says club president Marcel Aubut. "He can give them confidence. We're hoping he'll be around to enjoy himself when these same rearguards become outstanding, as we know they will."

Nords were greatly impressed when they got a look at sophomore pro Clint Malarchuk while he filled in for Bouchard. He posted a record of eight wins, five losses and two ties — a better percentage than the club was able to maintain over the whole campaign. So Malarchuk was installed as the second-stringer and John Garrett was traded to Vancouver for defenceman Anders Eldebrink.

Peter Stastny

For what it's worth, Quebec's Peter Stastny is rated the best centre in the NHL's Prince of Wales Conference. He was No. 1 in voting for the midterm 1983 all-star show and in the official year-end contest, stood third behind Wayne Gretzky (Edmonton) and Denis Savard (Chicago) of the Campbell Conference.

A knee injury kept Stastny out of five scheduled matches and slowed him down in a few others but he still managed 47 goals and 77 assists.

Those 124 points ran his total to 372 for the three seasons since he and brother Anton escaped from Czechoslovakia and signed with the Quebec City organization. Anton is the left wing in the family and Marian, a right winger, joined the others in 1981.

"They create a puzzle for the coaches," says Marcel Aubut, the Nordiques' president. "They are most effective when working together as a unit, as they did back in Europe. But at the same time, they are so good that they can help other players when placed with them."

Marian Stastny

A lawyer by profession, 30-year-old Marian Stastny was a pronounced asset last season when he and his two brothers were seeking new contracts with Quebec Nordiques.

At first, they boycotted training camp. Then they decided to continue negotiations while playing. Finally, all three got the new deals they wanted.

Marian Stastny had accumulated 89 points in his first NHL campaign, after following Anton and Peter to Canada in 1981. They had fled from Czechoslovakia the year before.

Last season, he had 79 points for 60 games when he incurred a shoulder separation.

"I was able to play a little bit in the Stanley Cup tournament," he said. "Not much and not very well, but enough to prove I'll be all right after a summer of exercise."

Randy Moller

The plan was to move gradually with defenceman Randy Moller.

Nords drafted him in 1981, but let him continue his hockey education with Lethbridge juniors. They kept a close watch on his progress and brought him in for one game of the 1982 Stanley Cup playoffs.

Last season was to be spent with Quebec's American League satellite at Fredericton. And that's where he started out.

But the big club ran into injuries on defence. Mario Marois and Jean Hamel were lost. And down in the minors, Moller was impressing everybody. So, well ahead of schedule, he was promoted to the NHL.

"You have to look at it as an opportunity for me, even though it's not what we agreed would be best," said Moller, a 19-year-old rookie. "This is a good place to learn except that your errors do a lot more damage. The coach told me I'd have to carry the puck more and get it up to the head man quickly. You can't fiddle around with it in the NHL."

Anton Stastny

The youngest of the Bratislava clan, the baby of the bunch, is 24-year-old Anton Stastny.

He and brother Peter, established stars in Czechoslovakia and throughout Europe, escaped from behind the Iron Curtain in 1980 and signed with the Quebec club.

They were superb from the very beginning and got better, as they promised, when a third brother, Marian, came along in 1981.

"For ourselves, I think we are best when playing as a unit," says Tony. "We did in Bratislava and for the Czechoslovakian national side. And we have done it effectively in the NHL. You see, we understand each other so very well. But to have us together is not always possible and not always best for the team as a whole. So the coach must decide."

The littlest Stastny had 92 points last season, his greatest NHL output to date.

Dale Hunter

Montreal Canadiens were polled last season on the subject of which NHL opponent they deemed dirtiest.

Dale Hunter of Quebec Nordiques drew the most votes. Brother Mark, who plays for Montreal, didn't pick him, but most did. And they added all sorts of uncomplimentary asides.

One of three Hunters in the NHL — Dave is with Edmonton — Dale delights in being a pest. He is an aggressive and persistent checker and if his quarry loses his composure, well, that doesn't hurt a bit. He was totalled 704 penalty minutes in only three NHL campaigns.

"He covers the other guys' best centres, does a good job of it and still gets his own quota of points," coach Michel Bergeron notes. "And he's seldom on the power play."

The statistics concur. Although Nords have lots of offensive specialists, defender Hunter still got 17 goals and 46 assists last season.

Andre Savard

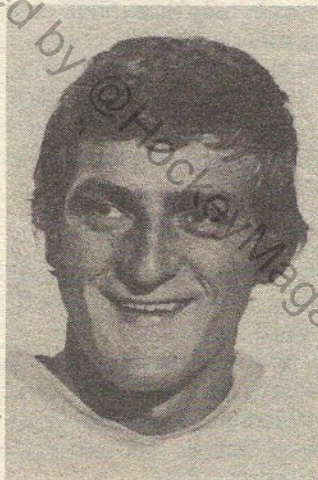
Quebec Nordiques had Peter Stastny and they had Dale Hunter. What they really needed was a third centre to balance their forward lines.

They got one in Andre Savard, a 30-year-old veteran who had scored well and defended effectively in seven seasons with Buffalo Sabres. Savard, Tony McKegney and J.F. Sauve came to Quebec last summer in exchange for Real Cloutier and a draft pick.

"Now there will be less checking pressure on Stastny, and Hunter won't have to handle all the defensive coverage," says coach Michel Bergeron. "When you have three top centres, you have flexibility. Each man improves because of it."

Savard had been a Boston draftee in 1973 but didn't really catch on in the NHL until Punch Imlach got him for

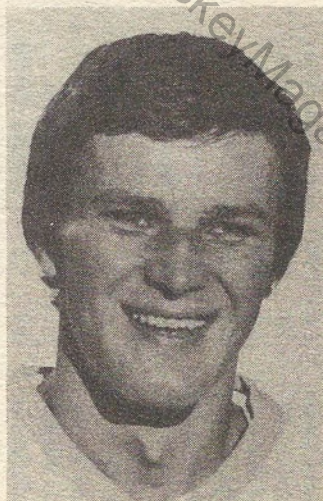
the Sabres in '76. Scotty Bowman, who became Buffalo boss three years later, sent Savard to the minors at one point but expressed pleasure with his playoff performance last spring following a term interrupted three times by injuries.



Anton Stastny



Marian Stastny



Peter Stastny

NORDIQUES' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Pierre Aubry	5-10	175	Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Que.	April 15, 1960	Quebec	7	9	16
Alain Cote	5-10	203	Matane, Que.	May 3, 1957	Quebec	12	28	40
Richard David	6-0	194	Notre Dame, Que.	April 8, 1958	Fredericton (AHL)	20	36	56
Michel Goulet	6-1	195	Peribonqua, Que.	April 21, 1960	Quebec	57	48	105
Dale Hunter	5-9	190	Oil Springs, Ont.	July 31, 1960	Quebec	17	46	63
Basil McRae	6-2	205	Beaverton, Ont.	Jan. 1, 1961	Quebec	1	1	2
Tony McKegney	6-1	198	Montreal, Que.	Feb. 15, 1958	Buffalo	36	37	73
Wilf Paiement	6-0	205	Earlton, Ont.	Oct. 16, 1955	Quebec	26	38	64
Jacques Richard	5-11	175	Quebec City, Que.	Oct. 7, 1952	Quebec	9	14	23
J. F. Sauve	5-6	175	Ste. Genevieve, Que.	Jan. 23, 1960	Rochester (AHL)	30	69	99
Andre Savard	6-1	185	Temiscamingue, Que.	Sept. 2, 1953	Buffalo	16	25	41
Louis Sleighter	5-11	195	Nouvelle, Que.	Oct. 23, 1958	Quebec	14	10	24
Anton Stastny	5-9	175	Bratislava, Czecho.	Aug. 5, 1959	Quebec	32	60	92
Marian Stastny	5-10	193	Bratislava, Czecho.	Jan. 8, 1953	Quebec	36	43	79
Peter Stastny	5-10	190	Bratislava, Czecho.	Sept. 18, 1956	Quebec	47	77	144
Marc Tardif	6-0	180	Granby, Que.	June 12, 1949	Quebec	21	31	52
Tim Tookey	5-11	180	Edmonton, Alta.	Aug. 29, 1960	Fredericton (AHL)	24	43	67

CALGARY FLAMES



The target is Edmonton

1982-83 Finish: Second, Smythe Division.

Strengths: Good scoring, goalkeeping.

Weaknesses: Lack defence stability, balance.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Third.

The way coach Bob Johnson saw it, there were two extremely unpleasant facts Calgary Flames had to face up to as they contemplated the 1983-84 National Hockey League season.

Both concern Edmonton Oilers, a team ahead of them in the NHL's Smythe Division.

"We finished 28 points behind them during the regular schedule," Johnson said, "and they blew us right out of the Stanley Cup playoffs."

"So our immediate target is easy to define. We have to be considerably better just to catch up with the Oilers. And look, they're not even the Stanley Cup champions or the No. 1 club in the league."

Johnson had gone to the Calgary organization as coach last year after a long and successful career with the University of Wisconsin in U.S. intercollegiate competition.

"It was a learning experience for me. I was a rookie," he now says. "I think I'll be a more effective coach actually handling my club in the course of matches. That's an art in itself."

"I also discovered there is a difference between people who are capable of playing in the NHL and those who can win at this level. That's something which needs to be sorted out."

"The bottom line, therefore, is that what was good enough in that first term may no longer be adequate. It's for sure we've got to be much faster."

The latest edition of the Flames took a dramatically

changed roster into their new home at Calgary's Saddledome.

In Don Edwards and Doug Risebrough, newcomers in 1982, they had acquired two of the NHL's most respected veterans.

And in the course of the 1982-83 campaign, Johnson had broken in some very impressive rookies including Eddy Beers, Dave Hindmarch, Jamie Macoun, and Kari Jalonen.

"What's more," says Cliff Fletcher, Flames' president and general manager, "we signed Hakan Loob, player of the year in Sweden last season.

"Mike Vernon, a goalie we have plans for, was an all-star in the western junior league.

"We picked up Steve Bozek and Steve Tambellini, who are both fast, during the summer. We dealt for Mickey Volcan.

"And after we returned Allan MacInnis to Kitchener juniors, he was named the outstanding defenceman in Ontario and an all-star, naturally.

"So all in all, we have what Bob Johnson wants — talented youngsters coming along to either make our line-up and help us, or force our older people to hit new heights just to retain their jobs. Either way, it adds up to an improved hockey club."

Lanny McDonald

When choosing their own 1982-83 all-stars, the players of the NHL picked Lanny McDonald as the right winger. That honor was a fitting conclusion to McDonald's finest professional season. He scored 66 goals, second only to (of course) Wayne Gretzky. He won the Bill Masterton Trophy as the player showing the best blend of proficiency, dedication, perseverance and sportsmanship. And he was runner-up to Mike Bossy in the official (media) all-star contest.

"It's all very gratifying," says McDonald, "but the one fly in the ointment is that the results we produced as a team were unsatisfactory."

As an Alberta native, McDonald was coming home when Flames acquired him in November, 1981. He is Calgary's most popular player.

And there was ample reason for it last term, scoring with 24.3 percent (66 of 272) of his shots. He potted the decisive goal in eight games Calgary won and created three other ties.

"And with all those offensive contributions, he still does a thorough checking job," said coach Bob Johnson. "Besides, there isn't a forward in the NHL who delivers more solid hits."

Kent Nilsson

One of the priority projects Bob Johnson identified when he became Calgary coach was making a "complete hockey player" out of Kent Nilsson.

"His attacking skills are magic," Johnson said, "but he's got to master checking. I don't think you can afford a one-dimensional player."

Johnson's approach was to give Nilsson added responsibilities.

And there was a definite payoff.

Nilsson's exceptional speed was put to work in penalty-killing situations and he responded with four short-handed goals.

"He found out how easy it is for him to play defensively," Johnson noted, "and how satisfying it can be."

Then Nilsson erased the memory of previous playoff failures by scoring a goal and 11 assists in the nine Stanley Cup matches Flames had.

Nilsson, a 27-year-old, was reclaimed from the old World Hockey Association, and participated in 280 NHL matches through the 1982-83 season and totalled 383 points. Now, by adding versatility, he is beginning to realize some of that abundant promise.

Doug Risebrough

Calgary Flames were among the delighted beneficiaries when Montreal Canadiens decided to do some rebuilding just before the 1982-83 schedule opened.

For a couple of future draft choices, Flames were able to obtain none other than centre Doug Risebrough.

"He's an outstanding two-way player," said general manager Cliff Fletcher. "Just look at the statistics."

All right. Risebrough had 21 goals and 37 assists. But in goals for and against Calgary, apart from penalty situations, he posted a plus-13. Was that good? Well, Lanny McDonald led the club with 66 goals, but in that other revealing column, was minus 2.

Paul Reinhart

"Without a doubt, Paul Reinhart is one of the most talented players in hockey anywhere," testifies Canada's Olympic coach, Dave King. "It's an education just to watch him."

Reinhart skated for King's Team Canada at the 1983 world championships. He was on defence in almost every critical situation, played a lot of centre and even a bit of right wing.

"I think I belong on defence," Reinhart suggests, "but the transition to forward is easy because a defenceman is always keenly aware of where the forwards ought to be in given circumstances."

Reinhart was third among Calgary attackers last season with 75 points, and had nine more in nine playoff matches. His excellence on offence helped make up for Pekka Rautakallio's surprise retirement.

It was the best of Reinhart's four NHL campaigns to date and note this: he's just 23.

Don Edwards

It was a source of great frustration for Don Edwards to know that his first season with Calgary Flames fell short of his own standards of excellence.

"I missed a chunk of the year because of a broken kneecap. That didn't help," he said. "But I never did get into any kind of a groove. And I wanted it to be so much better."

Edwards had been a fixture with Buffalo Sabres, after six years of service, but he and defence veteran Richie

Dunn were sent west in exchange for Calgary's first choice in the 1982 amateur draft. Sabres used the choice to land Paul Cyr. Dunn was traded last summer, along with Joel Quenneville, to Hartford for Mickey Volcan.

Edwards did manage to work 39 matches and put together a respectable record of 16 wins, 15 losses and six ties. But his goals-against average ballooned to an uncharacteristic 4.02.

"I'd been hoping to come through for these people," he said, "and I'm sure they were counting on me, too."

Steve Bozek

"I've been a Steve Bozek fan," says Calgary coach Bob Johnson, "since college days, when I was at Wisconsin and he was playing for Northern Michigan. He can skate like the wind and he can really fire goals — two skills we happen to require on the Flames."

It was Johnson, therefore, who suggested a trade the Calgary club consummated last summer — Kevin LaVallee and Carl Mokosak to Los Angeles Kings for Bozek.

As a 21-year-old L.A. rookie, Bozek had scored a very impressive 33 goals during the 1982-83 season. Injury restricted him to only 53 matches in his sophomore campaign and he counted just 13 goals, while assisting on the same number.

Rejean Lemelin

Flames were merely bolstering their farm system in 1978 when they signed goaltender Reggie Lemelin as a free agent. Dan Bouchard was their regular starter at the time, supported by Yves Belanger and Pat Riffin.

Lemelin, an American League all-star, had no particular illusions of his own. He was comfortable where he was.

Now Bouchard, Riffin, and Belanger are gone, and even though Flames have obtained Don Edwards, Lemelin has staked a very credible claim on the No. 1 job in Calgary. He worked 39 games last season and put together an excellent record — 16 victories, 12 defeats, eight draws and a 3.61 average (down from 4.34).

"You've got to be patient and work hard," Lemelin says, "and eventually, your chance will come. Maybe it won't be when you expected, or even where, but it'll come. And the secret is to be ready when it comes."

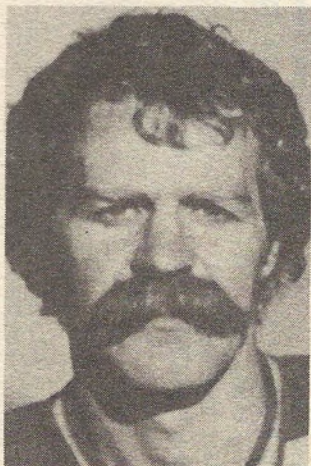
Steve Tambellini

"Speed at centre, and some scoring. That's what we were after," says Flames' coach, Bob Johnson concerning the acquisition of Steve Tambellini, along with defenceman Joel Quenneville, from New Jersey. Flames gave up veterans Mel Bridgman and Phil Russell.

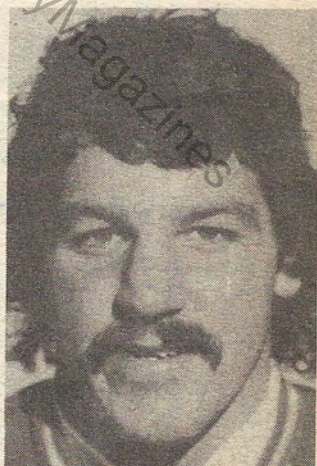
General manager Cliff Fletcher adds: "We don't need a checking centre, and Tambellini isn't one. But he's a consistent scorer. And we do need that. He scored 29 goals one year and 25 another for a tail-end club."

Flames also remembered that Tambellini had been an effective centre for Lanny McDonald when they were teammates in Denver.

Tambellini, 25, picked up his skating skills in Austria while his father was playing pro hockey for Kloten. The Tambellinis are from Trail, B.C.



Lanny McDonald



Paul Reinhart

FLAMES' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
✓ Eddy Beers	6-2	205	Merritt, B.C.	Oct. 12, 1959	Calgary	11	15	26
✓ Steve Bozek	5-11	170	Castlegar, B.C.	Nov. 26, 1960	Los Angeles	13	13	26
Guy Choinard	5-11	182	Quebec City, Que.	Oct. 20, 1956	Calgary	13	59	72
Mike Eaves	5-10	182	Denver, Colo.	June 10, 1956	Minnesota	16	16	32
Dave Hindmarch	6-0	190	Vancouver, B.C.	Oct. 15, 1958	Calgary	11	12	23
Jamie Hislop	5-10	180	Sarnia, Ont.	Jan. 20, 1954	Calgary	14	19	33
Kari Jalonen	6-3	190	Oulu, Finland	Jan. 6, 1960	Calgary	9	3	12
Lanny McDonald	6-0	190	Hanna, Alta.	Feb. 16, 1953	Calgary	66	32	98
✓ Greg Meredith	6-1	210	Toronto, Ont.	Feb. 23, 1958	Calgary	5	4	9
✓ Kent Nilsson	6-1	195	Nynashamn, Sweden	Aug. 31, 1956	Calgary	46	58	104
✓ Jim Pepinski	6-3	200	Renfrew, Ont.	Oct. 24, 1960	Calgary	15	26	41
✓ Doug Risebrough	5-11	180	Guelph, Ont.	Jan. 29, 1954	Calgary	21	37	58
Mario Simioni	6-1	200	Toronto, Ont.	April 1, 1963	Toronto (OHL)	62	59	121
✓ Steve Tambellini	6-0	190	Trail, B.C.	May 14, 1958	New Jersey	25	18	43

Defencemen

Charlie Bourgeois	6-4	205	Moncton, N.B.	Nov. 11, 1959	Calgary	2	3	5
Kari Eloranta	6-2	200	Lahti, Finland	Feb. 29, 1956	Calgary	4	40	44
Steve Konroyd	6-1	200	Scarborough, Ont.	Feb. 10, 1961	Calgary	4	13	17
Al MacInnis	6-0	192	Inverness, N.S.	July 11, 1963	Kitchener (OHL)	38	46	84
Paul Reinhart	5-11	210	Kitchener, Ont.	Jan. 8, 1960	Calgary	17	58	75
Pat Ribble	6-4	210	Leamington, Ont.	April 26, 1954	Calgary	0	1	1
Mickey Volcan	6-0	190	Edmonton, Alta.	March 3, 1962	Hartford	4	13	17

Goalies

Tim Bernhardt	5-9	159	Sarnia, Ont.	April 19, 1958	Calgary	GPI 6	GA 21	Avg. 4.50
Don Edwards	5-9	165	Hamilton, Ont.	Sept. 28, 1955	Calgary	39	148	4.02
Rejean Lemelin	5-11	160	Quebec City, Que.	Nov. 19, 1954	Calgary	39	133	3.61

Jim Jackson

VANCOUVER CANUCKS

They're back on schedule



1982-83 Finish: Third, Smythe Division.

Strengths: Good special teams.

Weaknesses: Building — need scoring, defence.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Fourth.

It was a thoroughly remarkable achievement when Vancouver Canucks reached the 1982 Stanley Cup final, even though they were defeated by the New York Islanders.

In retrospect, however, that brief spurt of success can be seen as dangerously misleading. Canucks, developing a contender under general manager Harry Neale, simply weren't as good as all those playoff triumphs seemed to indicate. They weren't ready to be judged by standards that high.

"I mean look at the changes we had to make last season," Neale said. "That ought to tell you something."

The '82 finalists wound up third in the NHL's Smythe section and were erased by Calgary Flames in round one of Cup combat.

"We'll be hurt by Ivan Hlinka's decision not to return to the NHL," Neale admitted. "He had just made the complete adjustment to pro hockey after his second year away from Czechoslovakia."

"However, our other Czech import, defenceman Jiri Bubla, is back and he heads up what I think is a very impressive group of new people."

"We have broken in several rookies and I think that means we're an improving club. Working with Bubla on defence is Garth Butcher, and up front you have Patrik Sundstrom, Moe Lemay and Tony Tanti."

As coach, Roger Neilson is supposed to get the most mileage possible out of the material Neale furnishes. He has devoted particular attention to those player groupings the NHL calls the "special teams." That is to say he has

been working up a dangerous power play and airtight penalty-killing.

"The theory is that you can win or lose on the basis of what you do during penalties," Neilson explains.

"Can you score when you have the extra man? Can you prevent the other guys from doing the same thing?"

"Part of it, see, is how serious penalties become. If a team knows it's likely to be stung, it'll be inhibited from playing aggressively."

These concentrated efforts paid off handsomely for Neilson. Canucks capitalized on 27 percent of their manpower advantages last season, third-best in the league, and only Minnesota North Stars surpassed their 90 power play goals.

Then, at nullifying the effects of their own misbehavior, Canucks were the sixth most efficient among all NHL clubs.

"Prove it?" Neilson says. "Well, the Islanders have the best stats, or close to it, in these areas and always do. There's your story, right?"

Tony Tanti

One of the greatest goalscorers in the history of Ontario junior hockey is Tony Tanti, now a Vancouver shotmaker. He put in 143 goals in two seasons at Oshawa, breaking a few of Wayne Gretzky's league records.

Last term, though only 19 years old, Tanti moved up to the NHL with Chicago Black Hawks and then was traded to Vancouver for veteran Curt Fraser.

"We had to have Fraser's toughness and we had to give up something major to get it," said Bob Pulford, the Chicago general manager. "It was a sacrifice."

Vancouver GM Harry Neale elaborated: "It was obvious we were having trouble scoring goals and that we needed improvement on right wing. The gamble is that Tanti can solve those problems for us."

Tanti, who has worked diligently to improve his defensive ability and his physical strength, had eight goals and eight assists in 39 Vancouver games.

Darcy Rota

One of the ways the NHL evaluates its players is by calculating shooting percentages.

Two men tied for first place in accuracy last season. Calgary's Lanny McDonald and Darcy Rota of Vancouver each connected with 24.3 percent of his scoring attempts.

Rota, who had never scored more than 25 times in any previous campaign, aimed 173 pucks at the opposition nets. Forty-two of them went in.

"There's no explanation," says Rota, 30. "You take your usual shots. Sometimes they go in, sometimes they don't. Last season, it seemed as though everything I threw toward the goal was finding its way in. Another year, I might get the same opportunities and score 10."

Rota began his NHL career with Chicago, later played in Atlanta, and wound up with his home town club as the result of a 1980 deal.

John Garrett

It was a bewildering week for John Garrett.

First, he was acquired as a back-up to Vancouver goalie Richard Brodeur. Before the end of his first game in a Canuck uniform, he was pressed into service because a Toronto shot had damaged Brodeur's ear quite extensively. The injury also meant Garrett would have to replace Brodeur as Vancouver representative in the forthcoming NHL all-star game. It was too late to find another net-minder.

Garrett was so sensational in the midseason show that he was certain to be named most outstanding performer until Wayne Gretzky collected four goals in a third-period tour de force.

During Brodeur's convalescence, Garrett had to play 17 Vancouver matches and they were some of the finest in a long pro career. He averaged a very tidy 3.08 goals against and posted seven wins and a tie against just six losses. It was the Vancouver club's best period all year long.

Stan Smyl

Steamer Smyl set a record for the Vancouver team last season when he collected 88 scoring points. He had 38 goals and 50 assists to improve on a mark established one year earlier by Thomas Gradin.

"You have to look at our power play and how it came along," Smyl said. "That's where I scored 15 of my goals."

Canucks weren't especially successful in the Stanley Cup playoffs, losing their opening series in four games. But Smyl had five points and counted the decisive goal in the lone Vancouver victory. He has produced 30 points in the 30 Stanley Cup matches in which he has engaged.

"There are so many things to like about Smyl — the way he works, hits, scores, kills penalties — but you have to be impressed by what he does in the playoffs," says general manager Harry Neale. "I mean that's the bottom line — how you perform in the clutch situations."

Thomas Gradin

Vancouver Canucks have enjoyed extraordinary success importing talent from Europe. Patrik Sundstrom, a superb rookie last season, Lars Molin, Jiri Bubl and Ivan Hlinka were spotted by vice-president Jake Milford on trips overseas. And Babe Pratt, now a public relations man for the club, made two important discoveries, both Swedish, during the 1978 world championships in Prague.

One was defence stalwart Lars Lindgren.

The other was stylish centre Thomas Gradin, Chicago property at the time Pratt looked him over.

Hawks weren't impressed and let Canucks have his NHL rights in exchange for a future draft priority.

In the five seasons since, Gradin has accumulated 140 goals and 227 assists for the Vancouver outfit.

"And he's only 27," Pratt notes, "which means he will be a key figure in our program over the next several years."

Richard Brodeur

Despite a painful midterm injury, goalie Richard Brodeur was busier last season than at any time during his NHL career. He appeared in 58 games.

"That was a reflection of the fact we weren't quite sure what we had behind him," said general manager Harry Neale. "We felt Ken Ellacott and Frank Caprice were outstanding prospects but we weren't totally confident. And we were in the midst of a real battle for second place in the Smythe Division so we couldn't take a chance."

Eventually, Neale obtained veteran John Garrett to give Brodeur some relief.

That was precisely when Brodeur got hurt. He suffered no lasting effects as a result of the shot which tore an ear and damaged it both inside and out. He ended up with a record of 21 wins and eight ties in 58 decisions overall.

Canucks had acquired Brodeur in a 1980 trade which also brought them one of New York Islanders' draft choices, now personified by 1982-83 rookie Moe Lemay.

Mark Kirton

Folks in the NHL know what you mean by a Roger Neilson type of player.

He developed a few of them while he was coaching Peterborough juniors in Ontario, and his successors there have maintained the tradition. A Neilson forward is like a Craig Ramsay or a Doug Jarvis. He understands the mechanics of his job, especially its defensive aspects, and is notable for his consistency and for his mastery of minor details.

Mark Kirton is a Neilson-type athlete, a Peterborough graduate. Naturally, when he became available last season, Neilson got him for Vancouver Canucks from Detroit Red Wings. Nobody likes a Neilson player better than the inventor himself.

In Vancouver, Kirton performed pretty much as you'd have expected. He did nothing spectacular but carried out his assignments efficiently and played especially well in Canucks' playoff loss to Calgary Flames.

Kirton had started out in the Toronto organization but was dealt to Detroit when Leafs needed goalie Jim Rutherford.

Dave Williams

Tiger Williams completed his ninth NHL season last spring, having added substantially to the number which has him at the very top among all penalized NHL players.

He has totalled 2,700 penalty minutes (45 hours) and you mustn't overlook another 202 minutes which he served in the Central League before being promoted to the Toronto line-up in 1975.

"The way the NHL is going, my record may stand forever," Williams says. "They seem to be doing away with players like me. In fact, my own days may be numbered."

If that is actually true, another reason might be connected to the decline in Williams' productivity. He scored 35 goals in his first complete season with Vancouver, after being dealt by Leafs. Then he slumped to 17. Last year, it was merely eight.



Patrik Sundstrom

CANUCKS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Marc Crawford	5-11	185	Belleville, Ont.	Feb. 13, 1961	Vancouver	4	5	9
Tony Currie	5-11	170	Sydney Mines, N.S.	Nov. 12, 1957	Fredericton (AHL)	47	48	95
✓ Ron Delorme	6-2	185	North Battleford, Sask.	Sept. 3, 1955	Vancouver	5	8	13
✓ Thomas Gradin	5-11	172	Solleftea, Sweden	Feb. 18, 1956	Vancouver	32	54	86
Mark Kirton	5-10	170	Regina, Sask.	Feb. 3, 1958	Det.-Van.	4	6	10
Moe Lemay	5-11	186	Saskatoon, Sask.	Feb. 18, 1962	Vancouver	11	9	20
Gary Lupul	5-8	175	Powell River, B.C.	April 4, 1959	Vancouver	18	10	28
Gerry Minor	5-8	172	Regina, Sask.	Oct. 27, 1958	Vancouver	1	5	6
Lars Molin	6-0	180	Ornskoldsvik, Sweden	May 7, 1956	Vancouver	12	27	39
Jim Nill	6-0	185	Hanna, Alta.	April 11, 1958	Vancouver	7	15	22
Darcy Rota	5-11	178	Vancouver, B.C.	Feb. 16, 1953	Vancouver	42	39	81
✓ Stan Smyl	5-8	190	Glendon, Alta.	Jan. 28, 1958	Vancouver	38	50	88
✓ Patrik Sundstrom	6-0	198	Skelleftea, Sweden	Dec. 14, 1961	Vancouver	23	23	46
Tony Tanti	5-9	190	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 7, 1963	Chi.-Van.	9	8	17
✓ Dave Williams	5-11	188	Weyburn, Sask.	Feb. 3, 1954	Vancouver	8	13	21

WINNIPEG JETS



Back to earth (crash!)

1982-83 Finish: Fourth, Smythe Division.

Strengths: Fine youngsters, improving club.

Weaknesses: Goal a problem, loss of Savard.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Second.

Hockey lovers in Winnipeg were given ample warning. Tom Watt, who coaches Winnipeg's Jets in the National Hockey League, made it clear he feared the 1982-83 season would be a difficult one. And it was — very trying, indeed.

"Our problem was our 1982-83 record, of course. We'd been 48 points better than the year before, which was the largest improvement in NHL history, and how on earth were we ever going to measure up to that?" Watt reasoned.

"It meant we could play .500 hockey and be accused of standing still.

"And what complicated matters, of course, was that we were changing divisions. We felt it would be a lot tougher to win in the Smythe Division than it had been in the Norris the year before. That turned out to be correct."

As it happened, Jets engaged Calgary Flames and Vancouver Canucks in a prolonged struggle for second place in the Smythe standings. They ended up fourth at the finish, but only four points behind the runner-up Flames.

"I thought it was pretty respectable, all in all," said Watt, "but then came the playoffs."

Edmonton Oilers, the sectional leaders, required only the minimum three matches to dispose of Watt's outfit in the opening Stanley Cup series.

"That gave us a pretty good idea of where we stand," Watt noted. "As of now, Edmonton is our main competition, or should I say target?"

And another staggering blow was soon to fall, right after

the unhappy playoff ending. Serge Savard, on-ice leader and chief tutor of the Winnipeg defence corps, resigned to accept the appointment as general manager of Montreal Canadiens.

"That was a terrible loss," said John Ferguson, Jets' own general manager. "To fill that vacancy, we made Barry Long our defensive coach. I'm certain he'll do a good job. But there can't really be any substitute for having Savard out there practising and playing with the young fellows he was trying to teach.

"The good thing though, is that in the time he was with us, Serge brought about tremendous improvement in defencemen like David Babych, Tim Watters and Don Spring. We owe him a great debt of gratitude."

Obliquely, Ferguson was referring to a very important fact concerning his Winnipeg outfit — its extreme youth.

"When we had the excellent year, a lot of people forgot how green we were," coach Watt said. "Hey, we had key guys like Babych and Dale Hawerchuk who were barely out of their teens. I haven't lost any confidence in them at all, but on the other hand, we have to make some allowances, eh? They're just kids, after all, with long careers in front of them."

Lucien DeBlois

Here is a remarkable statistic: of the 27 goals Lucien DeBlois scored last season, seven provided the margin of victory in games the Jets won.

John Ferguson had signed DeBlois while he was running New York Rangers, and made a mental note to get the big winger for his Winnipeg club if the opportunity ever arose.

It did, in 1981. Ferguson drafted Ivan Hlinka, a Czechoslovakian player Vancouver Canucks had already been dickering with. So to finally get him, Canucks had to strike a deal with Ferguson's Jets. Ultimately, DeBlois did join the Winnipeg roster from Colorado Rockies. Brent Ashton went to Rockies (now New Jersey Devils) and Canucks got their Czechs, Hlinka and Jiri Bubla.

Dave Babych

Coach Tom Watt had this to say about Dave Babych, his 22-year-old defence star:

"He's one of the eight best defencemen in the NHL and probably the very best of the young ones. The thing that distinguishes him, in my opinion, is his incredible strength, enough to edge a man off the puck or to fend off a check while making an offensive play."

Babych, in his third NHL season, was No. 3 among Winnipeg's 1982-83 scorers with 13 goals and 61 assists.

"I can't say too much about what Serge Savard did for us in the season and a half he spent here," Babych says.

"He taught me so much, but maybe how to control a game was the most important thing. He understood about tempo — when to go and when to stay, when to slow down and when to speed up, how to avoid wasting time and energy. I could learn from just watching him, so imagine the effect of actually playing alongside him."

Paul Maclean

Before becoming an NHL coach, Winnipeg's Tom Watt helped run Canada's 1980 Olympic entry. So he had a notion Paul Maclean, a consistently effective member of that aggregation, was a much better player than most people realized.

That belief came to mind in 1981 when the Jets and St. Louis Blues were negotiating a trade. Blues wanted defenceman Scott Campbell and were giving Jets Bryan Maxwell and goalie Ed Staniowski.

Watt suggested St. Louis toss in Maclean, who had played only one NHL match and the rest of his initial professional campaign in the Central League.

Blues agreed and Jets had themselves a first-rate forward. Maclean had 36 goals and 25 assists his first winter in Winnipeg and rose to 32-44 last term. He and freshman Brian Mullen (24 goals) were Dale Hawerchuk's wingers most of the year.

Laurie Boschman

"He's my kind of player," said general manager John Ferguson after acquiring Laurie Boschman for his Winnipeg Jets. "He's got talent, first of all. And he's tough. He enjoys contact, a rough game. He gets a piece of the fellow he's up against. He doesn't back down."

Boschman had been taken by Toronto Maple Leafs in the NHL's 1979 draft and had played impressively as a rookie centre, accumulating 16 goals and 32 assists.

His output sagged after that. Illness had something to do with the decline. So did management criticism. Anyway, Boschman eventually went to Edmonton Oilers in a March, 1982, swap for Walt Poddubny.

"Then we got lucky," Ferguson related. "Edmonton was trying to find a left winger to work with Wayne Gretzky and decided Willy Lindstrom on our club might be the answer. They gave us Boschman in exchange. Now we're in great shape at centre with him, Dale Hawerchuk and Thomas Steen. Losing Dave Christian doesn't hurt so much."

Dale Hawerchuk

Was it the dreaded sophomore jinx?

Could be. Whatever the explanation, Dale Hawerchuk couldn't duplicate the achievements which won him the Calder Trophy as the NHL's most outstanding new player during the 1981-82 season. His points total was down from 103 to 91, his goals from 45 to 40.

"One thing that happens to a great rookie," said coach Tom Watt, "is that the other clubs discover him, sort of. He starts getting a lot more defensive attention than he did that first time 'round. He can play just as well, yet find that the results just aren't forthcoming.

"That can lead to a frustration factor. The kid begins to worry, maybe to force things. I thought Dale handled the situation well and you'll notice he had five points in our three playoff games. That was a pretty good finish, individually."

Hawerchuk, just 20, did complain that he wasn't spending enough time on the ice, but one fact would seem to suggest otherwise. Only two players in the entire NHL surpassed his 277 shots on goal.

"I try to go with four forward lines," Watt explained. "That's what the Russians do and it doesn't seem to hurt their guys."

Doug Soetart

During the time John Ferguson was in charge of New York Rangers, one of their principal netminders was Doug Soetart.

"I always liked him, so when Rangers decided to let him go, I stepped in and grabbed him for Winnipeg," says Ferguson, now Jets' GM. "He's given us solid netminding and an ironic angle is that Rangers have never stopped looking for a goalie."

Soetart had a .500 record in the games he played last season — 19 wins, 19 losses and six ties.

Late in the schedule, Jets brought in a freshman pro called Brian Hayward. Like Ken Dryden, he had graduated from Cornell University. Jets, after signing him, sent him to the minors but he quickly earned advancement to the majors.

Hayward made 24 starts altogether and posted 10 victories and two draws.

Thomas Steen

In centre Thomas Steen, Winnipeg Jets have an extremely rare hockey commodity — a tough Swede.

"That's what I liked about him right from the beginning," says general manager John Ferguson. "Together with all the usual skills you expect in a player from Sweden, Steen likes to go into the corners and slug it out for the puck. He never takes a backward step."

Jets drafted Steen in 1979 and signed him two years later, after he'd been Swedish player of the year.

As an NHL rookie, he had 15 goals, 29 assists, 44 points and 42 penalty minutes.

He posted increases across the board last season — 26 goals, 33 assists, 59 points, and 60 minutes in the hoosegow.

Don Spring

Dave King, Canada's Olympic hockey coach, was talking once about what it would take to beat the Russians.

"If I could handpick my defence out of the pros," he said, "I wouldn't bother about point totals or all-star selections. I'd look for guys with lots of mobility and puckhandling ability. They'd be able to keep the puck clear of our zone and that's all we'd need."

"Two examples of the type I have in mind are with Winnipeg, Tim Watters and Don Spring."

It is not entirely a coincidence that both men spent the entire 1979-80 season preparing to face the Soviet machine in the 1980 Olympic tournament at Lake Placid — or that Tom Watt, now with Winnipeg, was one of the coaches.

Jets drafted Watters and signed Spring as a free agent in 1980. Both were outstanding last NHL term. In goals scored for and against Jets, exclusive of penalties, Spring was absolutely even and Watters only minus-10. Afterwards, Watters joined Team Canada (under King) for the 1983 world championships.

JETS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
✓ Scott Arniel	6-2	190	Kingston, Ont.	Sept. 17, 1960	Winnipeg	13	5	18
✓ Laurie Boschman	6-0	185	Major, Sask.	June 4, 1960	Ed.-Winn.	11	17	28
✓ Lucien DeBlois	5-11	200	Joliette, Que.	June 21, 1957	Winnipeg	27	27	54
✓ Murray Eaves	5-10	185	Calgary, Alta.	May 10, 1960	Sherbrooke (AHL)	25	34	59
✓ Dale Hawerchuk	5-11	180	Toronto, Ont.	April 4, 1963	Winnipeg	40	51	91
✓ Morris Lukowich	5-9	172	Speers, Sask.	June 1, 1956	Winnipeg	22	21	43
✓ Bengt Lundholm	6-0	180	Falun, Sweden	Aug. 4, 1955	Winnipeg	14	28	42
✓ Paul Maclean	6-0	205	Grostenquin, Que.	March 9, 1958	Winnipeg	32	44	76
✓ Jimmy Mann	6-1	200	Montreal, Que.	April 17, 1959	Winnipeg	0	1	1
✓ Brian Mullen	5-10	180	New York, N.Y.	March 16, 1962	Winnipeg	24	26	50
✓ Doug Smail	5-9	170	Moose Jaw, Sask.	Sept. 2, 1957	Winnipeg	15	29	44
✓ Thomas Steen	5-10	195	Tockmark, Sweden	June 8, 1960	Winnipeg	26	33	59
✓ Ron Wilson	5-9	168	Toronto, Ont.	May 13, 1956	Sherbrooke (AHL)	30	55	85
✓ Tim Young	6-2	192	Scarborough, Ont.	Feb. 22, 1955	Minnesota	18	35	53

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS



On the way up, at last

1982-83 Finish: Third, Norris Division.

Strengths: Good balance, speed, youth.

Weaknesses: Lack size, defence.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Third again.

It is not immediately apparent when you glance at the 1982-83 statistics. But the fact remains Toronto Maple Leafs were one of the most improved teams in the entire National Hockey League.

"And I'm very confident this group of young men can continue to get stronger," said general manager Gerry McNamara, whose shrewd player moves were restoring respectability to the Toronto franchise. "We're basically a youthful club and that means experience is certain to help."

Leafs were a dreary last in the NHL standings as Christmas, 1982, drew near but Big Mac felt sure he was getting very close to the line-up he wanted. A final deal brought him Dan Daoust and Gaston Gingras from Montreal Canadiens. And from Dec. 27 on, the rebuilt Leafs were a handful for any adversary they faced. Their points output from that day forward, applied over the 80-game schedule, would have placed them 10th in the overall league tables.

As it was, they got 15th spot, third in the Norris Division, and put up a memorable struggle against Minnesota North Stars before losing the first round of the Stanley Cup tournament.

"Don't forget our No. 1 draft pick, Gary Nylund, was bothered by knee problems all season. We'd been counting on him," coach Mike Nykoluk mentioned. "In the 16 games he did play, however, we found out what an asset he can be on our defence."

Leafs' surge last winter began shortly after the arrival of Daoust and Gingras. Daoust, an industrious and bumptious little centre, awakened wingers Rick Vaive and John Anderson to give the Toronto outfit a highly productive first line. Gingras, a defenceman, added mobility in the Leaf zone and a scorching shot from the point to the attack.

"It's like assembling a jigsaw puzzle," McNamara said, "with Daoust and Gingras the key pieces that sort of filled out the picture."

Nykoluk and his gruff assistant, Dan Maloney, produced enormous advancement in such newcomers as Walt Poddubny, Greg Terrion and Peter Ihnacak. And Dave Farish, after an American League hitch under coach Doug Carpenter at St. Catharines, returned to stabilize the rearguard.

"Don't overlook the excellent goalkeeping we got from Mike Palmateer," Nykoluk noted. "We were able to reduce our goals-against total by a big 50. We went from being the worst defensive club to being, well, not bad — able to win."

McNamara retrieved Palmateer from Washington Capitals during training camp, '82. He came in for just a trial and stayed on to play in 53 matches and post 21 victories — more wins than the whole Toronto club had managed the season before.

"We had always preached stability," said Nykoluk. "We told guys that if they showed us they could do a job, we'd hang with them. So they did and now it's up to us to show we meant business. We don't anticipate a lot of changes although our scouts tell us four juniors we own — Ken Strong, Gary Leeman, Rick Costello and Ken Wregget — can play in the NHL. Leeman, for instance, was an all-star defenceman in junior hockey out west."

Dan Daoust

When Dangerous Dan Daoust incurred a knee injury just at the end of the 1982-83 schedule, Leafs' playoff chances drooped almost to zero. Playing centre between

Rick Vaive and John Anderson, he had been the key figure in the team's revival during the second half of the schedule. He had 51 points in 48 Toronto games. Of all NHL rookies, only Chicago's Steve Larmer scored at a faster clip.

Now 21, Daoust had caught on with Montreal Canadiens after two years with their American League affiliate at Halifax. But he seldom was used and Canadiens finally decided to deal him. Leafs obtained him and rearguard Gaston Gingras in return for future draft priorities.

The trade was made on the say-so of Leafs' minor league coach, Doug Carpenter. Daoust had been captain when Carpenter's 1980 Cornwall outfit won the Memorial Cup. "Weights 150, hits like 200, all heart," Carpenter said.

"I was always sure I could play in the NHL," said Daoust, "but I must confess I didn't think I'd do this well."

Jim Korn

Former NHL defence great Bob Goldham does television analysis for Toronto games and offered this summation late in the 1982-83 campaign: "Leafs are much, much better and the guy who has come along the furthest is Jim Korn, the defenceman. Once he developed some confidence in his ability to carry the puck, he became absolutely first-rate."

Korn, a giant at 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds, was acquired from Detroit Red Wings with just 11 games left in the 1981-82 schedule. It was an astute grab because Korn, a Minnesota boy, was a hidden treasure.

"I still need to be better in our own end of the rink," he says, "but don't forget this was my first complete year of NHL play. These people gave me a chance to be a regular and they made it clear they wanted me to be a defenceman. In other places I'd been, my role was to be an enforcer and I wasn't comfortable with it. I'll stand up for my teammates but I refused to be cast as a goon."

Rick Vaive

Goalies around the NHL will tell you Maple Leaf captain Rick Vaive has one of the hardest shots in the business.

"He telegraphs it, winding up as he drifts in off right wing," says Rick Wamsley of Montreal. "But even when you know it's coming, and where from, he'll still blast it by you."

Vaive has scored 138 goals in three complete seasons with the Toronto club, including successive 50-goal years. He is one of the NHL's premier right wingers.

"We hope to lighten the load on Vaive," says coach Mike Nykoluk. "When we get better balance among our forwards, I won't have to give Vaive extra shifts. And the other teams won't be able to concentrate on him as much."

"I don't object to extra shifts and heavy checking, but when you add them up, you run into fatigue," says Vaive, whose explosive slapper is powered by perhaps the NHL's heaviest stick.

Mike Palmateer

Assessments of Mike Palmateer's ravaged knee had been greatly exaggerated, it turned out. The joint remained completely serviceable, but that wasn't immediately apparent.

Leafs entertained nothing more than faint hopes when they brought Palmateer, a goalie they'd discarded in 1980, to their '82 training camp. The understanding with Washington Capitals was that if he proved he could play, a deal would be arranged.

To almost universal astonishment, Palmateer went to the post 53 times for the 1982-83 Leafs — a year after he'd been limited to only 11 appearances for Caps.

Losing 23, Palmy had 21 victories and seven ties and dropped his goals-a-game figure below four.

"What the stats don't show," said coach Mike Nykoluk, "is how many times he made the difference between winning and losing, strictly on his own — and how

much he helped a green defence. There's nobody in the league who fields his position the way Palmy does. He covers the whole end of the rink."

John Anderson

Prior to the 1982-83 season, John Anderson's biggest offensive total for Leafs had been a modest 57 points. Last year, he led the club with 80, made up of 31 goals and 49 assists.

"I wasn't aware of playing a lot better," said Anderson, "because I've always tried to maintain a consistent level, based on skating and checking.

"I think a major difference would have been the fact I was with Rick Vaive and Danny Daoust on a line that really began to click. Suddenly, normal plays I'd always made were resulting in goals and assists."

After Leafs were eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs — Anderson had six points in four games — he went overseas to join Team Canada at the world championships. That led to a special highlight, as he scored both of Canada's goals in a loss to Russia with the gold medals at stake.

Peter Ihnacak

They've been years Peter Ihnacak will never forget, 1982 and '83.

He fled the Czechoslovakian national team at the '82 world championships in Finland and moved to Canada, where he became the NHL property of Toronto Maple Leafs, who claimed him on the second round of the amateur draft. And he was third among all 1982-83 rookies in the NHL with 28 goals and 38 assists.

"It was satisfying but I expect to do more," said Ihnacak. "At first, I had to deal with so many strange things — language, for example. And then I was unprepared for the long NHL schedule, with so much travel. That was new to me and I found myself becoming tired. That won't happen again. I will be trained properly."

Ihnacak's sidekick on right wing is another Czecho-

slovakian refugee, Miroslav Frycer. He was obtained from Quebec Nordiques in exchange for Wilf Paiement and had 25 goals last season. And he added seven points in four playoff games, even though Ihnacak was hurt.

Borje Salming

"Isn't it ironic?" muses Mike Nykoluk, the Toronto coach. "The more valuable Borje Salming becomes, the less all-star recognition he seems to get. In my opinion, he's one of the best in the NHL. We have a lot of trouble winning without him."

Salming, 32, has now completed 10 NHL seasons, with totals of 121 goals and 477 assists. But his output has been dwindling. Last year's 45 points were his fewest since he was a sophomore.

"He's still what makes us go," Nykoluk says, "but we've tried to get him some help, both for his good and ours. We don't want him to bear so much of the burden. That way, we hope his career will be lengthened."

A Torontonion now, who spends summers at home in the north of Sweden, Salming was a first or second all-star six times in succession, but the string ended in 1980.

"To me, he's better than ever," Nykoluk testifies, "but the voters can't seem to see it."

Walt Poddubny

Gerry McNamara, Leafs' general manager, says he wouldn't be surprised if left winger Walt Poddubny were to score 50 goals in some NHL season soon.

"He's got the moves around the opposition nets," Big Mac observes, "and like all the good ones, he's hungry to score. When he sees an opportunity, he pounces. And he's got the size to make room for himself."

Poddubny was having an excellent year with Edmonton's Central League farm club at Wichita when McNamara got him in March, 1982. The price was centre Laurie Boschman, now with Winnipeg.

Poddubny got seven points in the 11 Toronto matches he played that spring, and then 28 goals and 31 assists last

term. He was on left wing with Peter Ihnacak and Mirko Frycer.

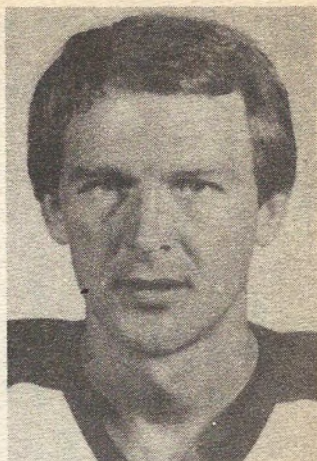
"He's a perfect linemate for those guys," said Mike Nykoluk, the coach. "He's big, so he can absorb a lot of the physical stuff. And he has the tools to cash in on all the plays they set up."



Dan Daoust



Miroslav Frycer



Peter Ihnacak



John Anderson

MAPLE LEAFS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
John Anderson	5-11	190	Toronto, Ont.	March 28, 1956	Toronto	31	49	80
Norm Aubin	6-0	185	Montreal, Que.	July 26, 1960	St. Catharines (AHL)	36	21	57
Dan Daoust	5-10	150	Montreal, Que.	Feb. 29, 1960	Mtl.-Tor.	18	34	52
Bill Derlago	5-10	194	Birtle, Man.	Aug. 25, 1958	Toronto	13	24	37
Miroslav Frycer	6-0	198	Czechoslovakia	Sept. 27, 1959	Toronto	25	30	55
Stewart Gavin	5-11	185	Ottawa, Ont.	March 15, 1960	Toronto	6	5	11
Pat Graham	6-1	190	Toronto, Ont.	May 25, 1961	Baltimore (AHL)	16	16	32
Bill Harris	6-2	195	Toronto, Ont.	Jan. 29, 1952	Toronto	11	19	30
Paul Higgins	6-1	190	St. John, N.B.	Jan. 13, 1962	Toronto	0	0	0
Peter Ihnacak	6-1	185	Czechoslovakia	May 3, 1957	Toronto	28	38	66
Terry Martin	5-11	175	Barrie, Ont.	Oct. 25, 1955	Toronto	14	13	27
Basil McRae	6-2	205	Beaverton, Ont.	Jan. 1, 1961	Fredericton (AHL)	22	19	41
Frank Nigro	5-9	182	Richmond Hill, Ont.	Feb. 11, 1960	Toronto	6	15	21
Walt Poddubny	6-1	203	Thunder Bay, Ont.	Feb. 14, 1960	Toronto	28	31	59
Greg Terrion	5-11	190	Peterborough, Ont.	May 2, 1960	Toronto	16	16	32
Rick Vaive	6-0	180	Ottawa, Ont.	May 14, 1959	Toronto	51	28	79

LOS ANGELES KINGS

*Lessons by Professor Vachon*

1982-83 Finish: Last, Smythe Division.

Strengths: High scoring, impressive youth.

Weaknesses: Depth, goaltending.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Last.

Serious netminding problems bedevilled Los Angeles Kings throughout the 1982-83 campaign in the National Hockey League.

Mario Lessard, the very capable first-stringer through three previous years, somehow lost his touch and Kings experimented with a pair of rookie pros, Mike Blake and Gary Laskoski. Eventually, in desperation, they obtained Markus Mattsson from Minnesota North Stars' organization and loaned Lessard to Stars' Central League farm team at Birmingham.

Then, during the off-season, Kings took a very enlightened step to remedy this nagging difficulty: they hired a goalie coach.

Their choice was none other than Rogie Vachon, an L.A. standout for seven years before moving on to what he thought would be greener fields in Detroit and Boston.

"It's very difficult to just go out and get a top goalie, either in a trade or the amateur draft. So we'll try to make one," said general manager George Maguire.

"We feel the kids we have do possess plenty of talent. So perhaps Rogie can develop it. I mean, look at what Bernie Parent has done in Philadelphia.

"After all, goalkeeping is a very specialized job. Your average coach simply isn't capable of teaching a guy how to do it, or of correcting his errors."

Last season's Kings actually were three points better than the playoff participants of the year before. But they wound up last in the NHL's Smythe Division.

"We knew we were in for a tougher season because Win-

nipeg Jets had replaced Colorado Rockies in our section," coach Don Perry notes. "And as a matter of fact, we were slightly improved. However, we had convinced ourselves we were ready for a really significant jump forward. That was on paper.

"Injuries pretty well wiped out our chances, though. When we lost three centres — Doug Smith, Dan Bonar and Bernie Nicholls — in the early part of the schedule, we were really in a lot of trouble. Then Peter Helander, our new defenceman from Sweden, broke his wrist and so did Dave Taylor.

"Later on, when some of our people recovered, we played well. There was no way we could make up the ground we'd lost but at least we found out we had a pretty decent roster, all in all."

Marcel Dionne

The NHL's most experienced international competitor is centre Marcel Dionne. He was a member of Team Canada in 1972, '76, '78, '79, '81 and '83, and also played for the NHL against the Soviets in the Challenge Cup of '79.

"It has helped me tremendously," says Dionne, 32. "Quite apart from the honor of representing your country, a person learns a lot from opposing the Russians, Czechs and Swedes. Now the NHL is adopting a lot of European ideas and I, for one, will be ready."

Dionne came out of junior competition in Guy Lafleur's year, 1971, and for a long time skated in The Flower's shadow. In recent seasons, however, there has been no comparison. Dionne's 1982-83 output represented the sixth time he has scored over 100 points in one season, and he now stands fifth among all attackers in NHL history. Only Gordie Howe, the leader at 1,850, Phil Esposito, Stan Mikita, and Johnny Bucyk are ahead of Dionne, who has 1,287 career points.

"That's wonderful," Dionne admits, "but the thing those guys did, which I envy the most, is they won at least one Stanley Cup. That's still my greatest aim in hockey. But I'm running out of time."

Bernie Nicholls

Through the early weeks of the 1982-83 schedule, the NHL's hottest stick belonged to L.A. rookie Bernie Nicholls. He was firing at a rate of roughly a goal a game.

Then came torn knee ligaments, surgery, and a long convalescence. Nicholls missed seven matches, took many more to regain peak form, and wound up playing in a total of 71. He shot 28 goals altogether.

Actually, though, Nicholls had foreshadowed all of this by coming up from the minors late in the 1981-82 campaign and scoring 14 times in 22 matches. He was a 21-year-old freshman pro, six months away from his last junior appearance.

"For a guy with so little experience, Nicholls is great at getting himself into the right position," says veteran winger Dave Taylor. "You get the puck into the goalmouth, for example, and he'll find it somehow."

Charlie Simmer

Watch Charlie Simmer and see how an athlete, through wisdom, dedication and sheer professionalism, can make the most of limited assets.

Simmer wasn't a notably fast skater when he became a 1980-81 all-star at left wing, shooting 56 goals. But near the end of that season, he fractured a leg severely, needed almost a year to recover properly, and never did regain whatever speed he'd had.

"Know-how helps," says Simmer, a 29-year-old who had 80 points for last season's Kings. "Quickness isn't always necessary if you understand where it is you want to go. There are often shortcuts. Thankfully, I'm big enough to hold a position in front of the goal and to move the odd defenceman. Also, having Marcel Dionne as your centre is a big, big help."

Dave Taylor

A broken wrist interrupted Dave Taylor's 1982-83 season. He reinjured the arm while playing for Team Canada at the world championships in West Germany. A

second operation was required, to be followed by prolonged rehabilitation. It was considered likely his 1983-84 efforts would be affected, at least in the beginning.

"Some breaks are worse than others for hockey players," Taylor notes. "This one is in a spot where it weakens my shot and makes it difficult for me even to control the puck."

In spite of his difficulties, the 28-year-old Taylor did manage to get his goals total over 200 for six winters in the NHL.

"When we missed the playoffs, joining Team Canada became a great highlight for me — in spite of what happened," he says. "I was invited to training camp prior to the 1981 Canada Cup, but didn't make the team. I'd hate to have missed international hockey altogether."

Larry Murphy

Fourth among L.A. scorers last season, as he had been the year before, was rearguard Larry Murphy.

However, he was attending to defensive business, too, because he ended the schedule at a respectable plus-2. On a team that gave up a total of 365 enemy goals, that was a noteworthy achievement.

Murphy was an immediate hit with Kings after being claimed from Peterborough juniors in the 1980 amateur draft. Though only 19, he became a first-stringer at his initial NHL training camp and totalled 76 points in his rookie campaign.

"Maybe I placed too much emphasis on scoring at first," says Murphy. "It's what I was good at. But what you try to develop is a complete game. If you work at keeping your zone clear and getting the puck out of there, the points seem to come by themselves."

Jim Fox

In the beginning, Jim Fox was a defenceman.

"I've grown quite a bit since but at the time, I was simply too small to go on playing defence," says Fox, now an established NHL right winger. "People were coming into

my territory and knocking me right off the puck, or taking it away from me."

Fox is now a solidly built 5-foot-8, and weighs in at 175 pounds.

Only two teammates surpassed his 68 points last season and his three-year total now stands at 179, with only 39 penalty minutes.

"I think being on defence gives you a good foundation," he suggests. "It promotes a better understanding of two-way hockey."

Doug Smith

Los Angeles Kings were awarded Dale McCourt as compensation in 1978 after their goalie, Rogie Vachon, signed with Detroit Red Wings. When McCourt refused the transfer, he was traded to Detroit for Andre St. Laurent (now with Pittsburgh) and Wings' top 1980 and '81 draft selections.

McCourt eventually ended up with Buffalo. In 1980, Kings took defenceman Larry Murphy. And their 1981 pick was centre Doug Smith, a promising 18-year-old centre from Ottawa. The two of them are the very heart of Kings' youth program, surely a better acquisition than McCourt.

Smith cracked the L.A. line-up right away, one of the youngest players ever to hold down a job in the NHL. And he showed all kinds of promise, collecting 16 goals and 14 assists.

"We were looking for big things from him as a sophomore but then he broke his wrist," coach Don Perry recounts. "So everything has been on hold for a year."

Jay Wells

Cold statistics say defenceman Jay Wells was Kings' most efficient player last season.

Exclusive of power plays, the team scored 75 times with Wells on the ice and gave up only 64 goals. That left him with a plus-11, L.A.'s best.

"I think it's impressive," says coach Don Perry, "because our defensive record overall wasn't that good. We had trouble with goaltending, too."

"And what the figures don't show is that, in fact, Wells usually worked when we were short-handed. That's what I thought of him."

Wells, with three NHL campaigns under his belt, is a farm boy from Ontario. In addition to his defensive skills, he dishes out plenty of punishment and usually leads the L.A. outfit in penalty minutes.



Jay Wells



Larry Murphy

KINGS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Dan Bonar	5-8	180	Deloraine, Man.	Sept. 23, 1956	Los Angeles	1	1	2
✓ Marcel Dionne	5-8	185	Drummondville, Que.	Aug. 3, 1951	Los Angeles	56	51	107
✓ Jaryl Evans	5-8	185	Toronto, Ont.	Jan. 12, 1961	Los Angeles	18	22	40
✓ Jim Fox	5-8	175	Coniston, Ont.	May 18, 1960	Los Angeles	28	40	68
Warren Holmes	6-1	190	Beeton, Ont.	Feb. 18, 1957	Los Angeles	8	16	24
Dean Hopkins	6-1	210	Cobourg, Ont.	June 6, 1959	Los Angeles	5	12	17
Ulf Isaaksson	6-1	185	Norlunda, Sweden	March 19, 1954	Los Angeles	7	15	22
John Paul Kelly	6-1	215	Edmonton, Alta.	Nov. 15, 1959	Los Angeles	16	15	31
✓ Kevin LaVallee	5-8	180	Sudbury, Ont.	Sept. 16, 1961	Calgary	19	16	35
Carl Mokosak	6-1	190	Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.	Sept. 22, 1962	Calgary	7	6	13
Dave Morrison	6-0	190	Toronto, Ont.	June 12, 1962	New Haven (AHL)	23	17	40
Mike Murphy	6-0	185	Toronto, Ont.	Sept. 12, 1950	Los Angeles	16	11	27
✓ Bernie Nicholls	6-0	185	Haliburton, Ont.	June 24, 1961	Los Angeles	28	22	50
Terry Ruskowski	5-10	178	Prince Albert, Sask.	Dec. 31, 1954	Chi.-L.A.	18	22	40
✓ Charlie Simmer	6-3	210	Terrace Bay, Ont.	March 20, 1954	Los Angeles	29	51	80
Doug Smith	5-11	178	Ottawa, Ont.	May 17, 1963	Los Angeles	11	11	22
Dave Taylor	6-0	190	Levack, Ont.	Dec. 4, 1955	Los Angeles	21	37	58

ST. LOUIS BLUES

*A strong nucleus*

1982-83 Finish: Fourth, Norris Division.

Strengths: Solid young team, improving.

Weaknesses: Not living up to potential. Need work on defense.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Should hang on.

The St. Louis Blues came perilously close to extinction last summer.

Ralston Purina, the owner since 1977, had announced plans to eliminate the National Hockey League franchise from its list of enterprises and there was no immediate line-up of local investors anxious to take over. The future looked bleak, to say the least.

"It was always our first priority to keep the club in St. Louis, if a way of doing so could possibly be found," said John Ziegler, the NHL president. "We didn't feel we could abandon a city where hockey had attracted an average of more than 13,000 spectators to all games since the team was established in 1977."

It was with that conviction in mind the NHL rejected the proposal of a Saskatoon group which attempted to buy the Blues and move them to that prairie city.

"It could very well be that Saskatoon would be an excellent addition to the league some day," Ziegler conceded. "But we wanted to be absolutely sure we had exhausted every last opportunity in St. Louis before even considering anything else."

Eventually, with Ziegler calling the shots, the Blues were sold to Harry Ornest, an Edmonton-born businessman from Beverley Hills, California. He had lined up an imposing list of St. Louis backers, and a strong recommendation from former NHL president Clarence Campbell didn't hurt his chances, either.

The start of training camp 1983 was only two months away when the deal received final approval and Ornest completed arrangements to acquire the Blues' home arena, the Checkerdome.

"When you look at the attendance figures they've compiled there, you know this has got to be a profitable operation if it's handled right," Ornest declared.

"They've had problems, I know. But we're convinced they can be overcome by streamlining management procedures. Maybe some of the overhead can be trimmed.

"However, the bottom line is the quality of the roster. It's only two years since St. Louis was second in the overall NHL standings and the line-up today is substantially the same. In fact, it might be better, with the addition of Rob Ramage and Andre Dore on defence.

"A lot of new owners would love to start out being this close to challenging for the championship — with Mike Liut in goal and Bernie Federko, Brian Sutter, Wayne Babych and Perry Turnbull on the forward line. We're talking superstars here."

Brian Sutter

Almost 13 periods of Brian Sutter's 79-game season last term were spent in the penalty boxes of the NHL. Even so, he scored 49 times and, in voting to pick the all-star left wing, was overshadowed by only three men.

"He was the first of the Sutters to come into the NHL and taught everybody what to expect from all the other brothers who'd be showing up," said Emile Francis, general manager last year in St. Louis.

"In short, he's a very tough competitor. He's skilful, as his scoring totals would suggest, but he's a scrapper, too. That's why he was the youngest captain in the history of the St. Louis franchise."

Now 27, Sutter has 197 goals (and 1,251 penalty minutes) to show for his first seven years in the NHL.

"He was made captain," Francis added, "because he's a guy who shows his teammates what is required to win."

Joe Mullen

Originally, roller skating was Joe Mullen's sport while he was growing up in the heart of Manhattan. The step from that to ice skating was a simple one and, eventually, Mullen found himself playing hockey at Boston College.

"I think all the skating I did as a kid is paying off for me now. That's the bottom line in hockey, after all," says Mullen, 26.

Taken into the St. Louis organization, Mullen was 1980-81 scoring champion of the Central Hockey League, while playing for Salt Lake City. When he resumed the same productive pace the following autumn, he was promoted to the St. Louis NHL line-up and, in 45 games, notched 25 goals and 34 assists.

His 1982-83 campaign was interrupted by a knee injury, requiring surgery, and was restricted to 49 matches. His offensive totals for that relatively brief period, were impressive — 17 goals and 40 assists.

Larry Patey

Some NHL teams require their regular players to take a normal shift during short-handed situations. Others have men who specialize in killing penalties.

Larry Patey has become known as one of those. He's so good at it, in fact, that he is an offensive threat even when simply trying to nullify the enemy's power play. Three of his goals last season came while the St. Louis team was short-handed. He has 23 such scores in just under eight years with the Blues.

And thanks to him, the 1982-83 Blues were among the NHL's most effective clubs while understaffed. They escaped 81.3 percent of enemy manpower advantages they had to deal with. Only four teams fared better.

"It's important," general manager Emile Francis noted at the time. "If penalties don't hurt you too badly, then you don't hesitate about playing aggressively."

Patey, 30, is a 10-year man in the NHL.

Perry Turnbull

Any authentic list of capable NHL scrappers would include giant winger Perry Turnbull.

"In fact, there's a strange phenomenon with a guy like Turnbull," said Barclay Plager, who coached him in St. Louis last season. "He gets in fewer dust-ups now because nobody wants to challenge him any more. His record is much too impressive."

Turnbull's 1982-83 campaign had been dedicated to a far more serious matter. A leg tendon had been slashed so badly during the 1982 playoffs that repairs had to be done by surgery. Turnbull spent the summer in therapy and there was some question whether he'd ever be effective again.

Not to worry. Turnbull, 24, missed only one of Blues' 80 scheduled matches and scored a very tidy 32 goals.

Jorgen Pettersson

A player has to be 18 before he's eligible to compete in the NHL. Sweden has no such rule. So at the tender age of 16, Jorgen Pettersson was skating for the Gothenburg club, Vastra Frolunda, in the Swedish Elite Division.

Several NHL scouts spotted him, of course, but it was St. Louis Blues who signed him as a free agent in 1980.

And over his first three professional seasons in North America, Pettersson has amassed 110 goals and 105 assists.

Pettersson, 27, is quick and clever on the ice and was a member of the Blues' penalty-killing operation. He scored three times last season while working against enemy power plays.

Rob Ramage

Colorado Rockies traded Barry Beck in 1979 because they were convinced Rob Ramage would become their superstar defenceman.

St. Louis Blues got Ramage in 1982 with the same thing in mind and gave Rockies (by then, New Jersey Devils) two precious draft choices in exchange.

"He really is one of the best young men at his position in all of hockey," says Emile Francis, the executive who got Ramage for St. Louis. "He is strong and rugged and he is a very skilful offensive player as well."

Ramage played with the Birmingham Baby Bulls, juniors who turned professional ahead of time in the World Hockey Association. That was in the 1978-79 season, so now Ramage, at 24, already has five years of pro competition under his belt.

Mike Liut

No NHL goalie played in more games last season than Mike Liut did for St. Louis Blues — 68 starts and 3,794 minutes. And he stopped 87.7 percent of the 1,922 enemy shots he faced.

Of 61 decisions, Liut had 21 victories and 13 draws.

All in all, it was a satisfactory year but by no means a spectacular one. Liut still hadn't been able to duplicate his 1980-81 achievements. He was the NHL's all-star goalie that year and an automatic selection for the home side in the '81 Canada Cup.

"I always felt Liut's goaltending had gone along at pretty much the same level. It was the team that changed," says Emile Francis, who was Liut's boss as Blues' general manager.

Francis had brought Liut to the NHL in 1979 after two winters in the World Hockey Association with Cincinnati. He'd accepted a WHA offer after graduating from Bowling Green University in Ohio.

Bernie Federko

"You can be a pretty great centre in the NHL and never get so much as a mention at all-star time," Barclay Plager said last season when he was coaching St. Louis Blues. "I mean Bernie Federko is one of the best centres I've ever seen. But look at the competition — Wayne Gretzky, Denis Savard, Peter Stastny, Bryan Trottier, just to name a few."

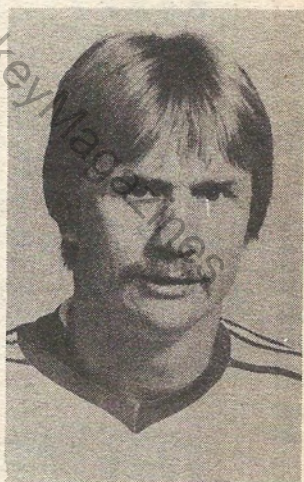
Federko led the St. Louis offence a fifth year in succession with 84 points over the 1982-83 season. That means he has been his club's best attacker since his second term as a big leaguer.

Federko had been taken in the NHL's 1976 junior draft. So he's only 27.

"Nobody makes neater plays," Plager added. "He's quick and he can score. I don't think he gets near the attention he deserves. He hardly ever gets a penalty, either, but he hasn't won the Lady Byng Trophy. I can't figure it out."



Bernie Federko



Larry Patey

BLUES' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Perry Anderson	6-0	208	Barrie, Ont.	Oct. 14, 1961	St. Louis	5	2	7
Wayne Babych	5-11	196	Edmonton, Alta.	June 6, 1958	St. Louis	16	23	39
Blair Chapman	6-1	192	Lloydminster, Sask.	June 13, 1956	St. Louis	7	11	18
Bob Crawford	5-11	183	Belleville, Ont.	April 6, 1959	St. Louis	5	9	14
Mike Crombeen	5-11	188	Sarnia, Ont.	April 16, 1957	St. Louis	6	11	17
Blake Dunlop	5-11	178	Hamilton, Ont.	April 18, 1953	St. Louis	22	44	66
Bernie Federko	6-0	192	Foam Lake, Sask.	May 12, 1956	St. Louis	24	60	84
Doug Gilmour	5-11	170	Kingston, Ont.	June 25, 1963	Cornwall (OHL)	70	107	177
Ralph Klassen	5-11	176	Humboldt, Sask.	Sept. 15, 1955	St. Louis	0	2	2
Alain Lemieux	6-0	191	Montreal, Que.	May 24, 1961	St. Louis	9	25	34
Joe Mullen	5-9	182	New York, N.Y.	Feb. 26, 1957	St. Louis	17	30	47
Larry Patey	6-1	188	Toronto, Ont.	March 19, 1953	St. Louis	9	12	21
Jorgen Pettersson	6-2	184	Gothenburg, Sweden	July 11, 1956	St. Louis	35	38	73
Mark Reeds	5-10	178	Burlington, Ont.	Jan. 24, 1960	St. Louis	5	14	19
Brian Sutter	5-11	181	Viking, Alta.	Oct. 7, 1956	St. Louis	46	30	76
Perry Turnbull	6-2	207	Bentley, Alta.	March 9, 1959	St. Louis	32	15	47
Mike Zuke	6-0	187	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	April 16, 1954	St. Louis	8	16	24

DETROIT RED WINGS

*Jimmy D. is building*

1982-83 Finish: Last, Norris Division.

Strengths: Good youngsters, decent defence.

Weaknesses: Need help everywhere.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: More of the same.

The continuing success of New York Islanders provides a faint but noticeable glint of optimism in all the bleakness which pervades the hockey scene in Detroit.

Jimmy Devellano, now in his second year as Red Wings' general manager, was one of the master strategists who built the Long Island team from nothing in 1972 to a Stanley Cup champion eight years later. Devellano was one of Islanders' original scouts and ran that department from 1974 until he took on the Detroit assignment in 1982.

"Islanders were assembled in the classic manner. Fifteen guys on last season's roster were acquired in the amateur draft. There's your pattern," says Jimmy D.

"We will go — we must go — that same route, which means hanging onto your draft choices, making the best possible use of them, and finally, carefully developing the kids you've got."

Devellano admits, however, that the task has grown much more difficult.

"There are more teams in the National Hockey League now so the new talent has to be spread that much further," he notes. "And since the NHL is drafting 18-year-olds now, there's not much chance of grabbing a kid who can help you right away."

Devellano tried to buy some time in his first season at the Joe Louis Arena, bringing in a sprinkling of veterans to fill out his roster while the youngsters were learning the ropes. But it didn't work. Wings finished last in the NHL's Norris Division, missing a playoff spot by eight points.

"I thought reaching the playoffs was a realistic objective," coach Nick Polano says. "The fact we missed tends to conceal the good things we did accomplish. There were a few, you know."

Randy Ladouceur from the minors and Larry Trader, a recent junior graduate, indicated they can fit in with a clutch of highly competent defence veterans. And young Rejean Cloutier seemed to have his promising blue line career back on the rails after the interruption caused by a severe leg fracture.

Murray Craven, Kelly Kisio and Claude Loiselle were at least the beginnings of a reconstructed offence. Then, in the amateur draft last June, Wings were able to land an excellent centre from Peterborough juniors, Steve Yzerman.

"I think we're pretty much on target," Devellano says. "But it's a long and slow process. We need a lot of patience. But it would speed things up if some of our older guys like Ron Duguay, Danny Gare, Barry Melrose, and Eddie Johnstone could come through for us in the meantime."

Eddie Mio

Wings hunted around for some proven NHL netminding last summer and finally obtained the experienced Eddie Mio, who was born across the river in Windsor, Ontario. He came to Detroit, along with Ron Duguay and Eddie Johnstone, while Mark Osborne, Mike Blaisdell and Willie Huber were sent to New York Rangers.

Mio had been Edmonton's first-string netminder during the 1980-81 season but found himself deep in the minors the following autumn.

"They decided to go with Grant Fuhr and Andy Moog, which was okay but didn't exactly thrill me," Mio recalls. "I thought I'd proven I belonged in the NHL."

So did Rangers, who obtained Mio that December.

Mio worked 25 matches during the brief time he spent in New York that winter, then emerged as last season's first-stringer. He played 41 times, yielding an average of just 3.45 opposition goals each night.

"We have a lot of confidence in our 22-year-olds (Greg Stefan and Corrado Micallef) but they're just developing," said Jimmy Devellano, the Detroit general manager. "While they do, we need an older hand."

Kelly Kisio

Check back to the 1981-82 season. One of the leading shotmakers in all of professional hockey that term was Kelly Kisio, who scored 62 times for Dallas in the Central League.

He was pencilled in for a Detroit try-out but decided to play a year in Switzerland, where he was outstanding.

"We kept in touch and learned he was improving over there," says Wings' general manager, Jim Devellano. "And the Swiss season ends much earlier than ours. So we had a chance to bring Kisio in, sign him and use him."

Kisio was with Wings for the last 15 games of the 1982-83 schedule and scored four goals and three assists.

"He was only 23," Devellano notes, "so he's the same thing as a high draft choice who's made the grade."

John Ogrodnick

The 1982-83 Red Wings were a terrible team, right? They scored only 263 goals while giving up 344.

That's why it was so amazing that left winger John Ogrodnick was plus-11 in the statistics.

That means Wings counted 11 more goals than they allowed while Ogrodnick was on the ice, deducting power plays on both sides.

"That's quite a tribute to the guy," says coach Nick Polano, "and he was our leading scorer, so you know the figures aren't misleading. We used him a lot, in the toughest situations."

Ogrodnick ended the campaign with 41 goals and 44 assists. It was his biggest total by far since entering the NHL during the 1979-80 campaign. He was the 66th player selected in the junior draft of '79.

Reed Larson

When the subject is shooting, Detroit's Reed Larson is invariably mentioned. For sheer force, his shot ranks with some of the hardest, like those of Rick Vaive, Gaston Gingras and Doug Wilson.

Supporting testimony is provided by the fact Larson, though a defenceman, has surpassed 20 goals in each of the last four seasons. He had 52 assists last year, as well.

"The assists are often a result of shooting, too," says Larson, 27. "If you whip them in from the blueline and keep them low, there'll be a lot of rebounds and deflections other guys can make plays with. It's a key part of NHL offence today."

Greg Smith

Detroit Red Wings were widely ridiculed for dealing away their No. 1 priority in the NHL's 1982 draft. It was the year of Brian Bellows, after all.

Wings would have had second choice, as things worked out, and would indeed have had a shot at the exceptional Bellows. Boston Bruins, picking first, took defenceman Gord Kluzak. And then Minnesota North Stars used the Detroit spot to take Bellows.

"What an opportunity that would have been!" exclaimed Jim Devellano, who became Wings' general manager subsequently. "Bellows is exactly what a rebuilding club needs. He'd be the key to everything."

"But I want to say Wings didn't do too badly in the exchange. They got Greg Smith, who has played extremely well on defence, and a draft selection that turned out to be Murray Craven. He's a centre you'll be hearing about."

Smith, 28, had a remarkable plus-7 on the Wings' 1982-83 rearguard, a surprisingly competent group, now strengthened by the addition of free agent Barry Melrose from Toronto.

Danny Gare

Every NHL team tries to uncover what has been termed a leader. He's got to be a capable player who, through being competitive, can arouse his teammates and bring out the best in them.

Such a man was Danny Gare when Detroit Red Wings acquired him in a 1981 deal with Buffalo Sabres.

"I believe he will be one of our leaders. In many ways, he already is," says Jim Devellano, Wings' new general manager. "The trade, you must understand, came at a very awkward time for him, personally. The move was extremely difficult. Then he was plagued by illness and injury after he got here.

"He is keenly competitive, though, and was obviously feeling more like his old self last season."

Gare, 29, had 26 goals and 35 assists — a far cry from his glorious 50-goal years in Buffalo, but a definite step along the comeback road, just the same.

Dwight Foster

"Imagine," a fellow said, "being dropped by the New Jersey Devils. That's got to be the end of the line, wouldn't you say?"

It might have seemed that way to Dwight Foster early last season when the Devils removed him from their roster and shipped him to Detroit.

"Sometimes a player will assess the implications of a trade and decide it's high time he got his act together," Jim Devellano, Wings' general manager, notes. "Whatever the reason, Foster had 17 goals and 22 assists and played awfully well in 58 games with us. He was beginning to look more like the kid I remembered, the one who'd been Boston's first draft pick in 1977."

Bruins had traded Foster to Colorado Rockies (now Jersey) for their top 1982 selection. That happened to be No. 1 and Bruins took defenceman Gord Kluzak.

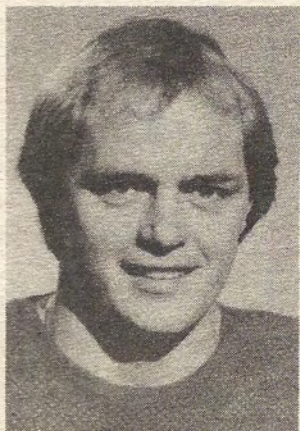
Ron Duguay

"Fifty-goal potential, a hard-working guy, and a great checker," is the way Detroit's head man, Jim Devellano, describes his prize summer acquisition, Ron Duguay.

"Just about everybody agreed that what Doogie needed was a change of scenery," Devellano continues. "Normally, you'd have a hard time dealing for a player of his quality, only 26 years old. And after the year he just had, he's got a lot to prove."

Duguay had been chosen to play for the Canadian entry in the 1981 Canada Cup, mainly on the basis of his speed and tireless defensive work. That was followed with a 40-goal campaign. But his productivity and his hustle dropped off last term and his name was mentioned frequently in trade talk.

"There was a lot of discussion about Duguay being a playboy but I think that was exaggerated. He can be one of the best up-and-down forwards in the league. Hard work is his game," Devellano adds. "And besides, if a person did enjoy nightlife, there'd be fewer opportunities in Detroit than in Manhattan."



Danny Gare



Greg Smith

WINGS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
✓ Ivan Boldirev	6-0	190	Zranjanin, Yugo.	Aug. 15, 1949	Van.-Det.	18	37	55
✓ Murray Craven	6-1	165	Medicine Hat, Alta.	July 20, 1964	Detroit	4	7	11
✓ Ron Duguay	6-2	210	Sudbury, Ont.	July 6, 1957	Rangers	19	25	44
✓ Danny Gare	5-9	175	Nelson, B.C.	May 14, 1954	Detroit	26	35	61
✓ Dwight Foster	5-10	190	Toronto, Ont.	April 2, 1957	N.J.-Det.	17	22	39
✓ Ed Johnstone	5-9	175	Brandon, Man.	March 2, 1954	Rangers	15	21	36
Kelly Kisio	5-9	170	New Westminster, B.C.	April 21, 1957	Detroit	4	3	7
Claude Loiselle	5-11	180	Ottawa, Ont.	May 29, 1963	Windsor (OHL)	39	49	88
Mark Lofthouse	6-2	195	New Westminster, B.C.	April 21, 1957	Detroit	8	4	12
John Ogrodnick	6-0	189	Ottawa, Ont.	June 20, 1959	Detroit	41	44	85
Joe Paterson	6-2	204	Toronto, Ont.	June 25, 1960	Detroit	2	1	3
Ken Solheim	6-3	210	Hythe, Alta.	March 27, 1961	Minn.-Det.	2	4	6
Derek Smith	5-11	178	Quebec City, Que.	July 31, 1954	Detroit	7	4	11
Stan Weir	6-1	170	Ponoka, Alta.	March 17, 1952	Detroit	5	24	29
✓ Paul Woods	5-10	172	Hespeler, Ont.	April 12, 1955	Detroit	13	20	33

NEW JERSEY DEVILS



Who are all those people?

1982-83 Finish: Fifth, Patrick Division.

Strengths: Some good kids, nice netminding.

Weaknesses: Inadequate attack, no depth.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Down to last.

The Colorado Rockies moved to New Jersey last season, became the Devils, and made a very important discovery: It's nice to play in front of spectators. National Hockey League competition, as a novelty, drew consistently large crowds at the Meadowlands rink in East Rutherford. And that helped the club.

"Maybe you couldn't prove it by looking at the standings, but the excellent support we got all year gave us a definite lift," said Chico Resch, Devils' very busy goalie.

"No matter how bad things got, we felt we had something to strive for. We felt we owed those people something, you see, in return for their enthusiasm. And we have a reason to look forward to the future.

"What I'm saying is that the fans made an optimistic, positive situation out of something that could have been totally pessimistic and negative."

Billy MacMillan, Devils' general manager and coach, mentioned another important angle.

"We considered it imperative to develop our young players properly but sometimes, when you're struggling to make ends meet, you're tempted to rush things," MacMillan said.

"But because we were doing reasonably well at the box office, we had enough leeway to make some very important personnel moves — ones that should begin to pay dividends in the next year or so."

MacMillan was able, for example, to send defenceman Joe Cirella back down for a final year of junior competition at Oshawa, Ont. He was an Ontario all-star.

Rick Chernomaz, in Victoria, B.C., was a western all-star on right wing.

And feisty Pat Verbeek, after a successful winter with Sudbury, Ont. juniors, counted three goals and two assists in the last six matches of the Devils' NHL schedule.

"All three needed to play where they were last season, but under a different set of circumstances, we'd have been forced to bring them right into the NHL," MacMillan explained.

"In addition, we were very impressed with some of the rookies who did play for us, like Jeff Larmer (21 goals) and Jan Ludvig."

And so, while the club actually netted one point less than it had during its farewell term in Denver, the way ahead looks smoother and easier and a lot more promising than it did then. And there are fans who care.

Aaron Broten

An oddity in the NHL last season saw two brothers leading their respective teams in offence.

Neal Broten of Minnesota North Stars had 32 goals and 45 assists. And with Jersey Devils, Aaron Broten's 55 points (16 goals, 39 assists) made him No. 1 on the attack.

Aaron Broten is 22, a younger member of the Roseau, Minnesota family. Both boys graduated from the University of Minnesota after starring at hockey.

"Our guy was a little slower to come along, while Neal was playing for the U.S. Olympic champions at Lake Placid," says Billy MacMillan, Devils' coach and general manager. "In fact, he was only Colorado's fifth draft choice — the 106th overall — in the 1980 draft."

Broten finished up his college career before turning pro in 1981.

Hector Marini

The New Jersey Devils obtained "Hector the Protector" Marini from New York Islanders shortly before the 1982-83 season began.

Was it a blow, leaving the Stanley Cup champions and moving to a club that would have trouble avoiding last place?

"In a way, yes," said Marini. "But you must remember I was never really a regular with Islanders. I took part in the 1981 playoffs but not at all in '82. So I had to realize the move was in my best interests. The bottom line is that it's better to be playing."

En route to totalling 17 goals (three winners) and 28 assists, Marini was New Jersey's representative in the midterm all-star game.

Don Lever

To be a winner, an NHL team must have a certain number of superstars. What is almost as important, too, is to have several journeyman players like Don Lever.

"He won't score 50 goals for you," says assistant coach Marshall Johnston in New Jersey, "but it's amazing how often he'll get an important one when it seems nobody else can."

"That's because he plays his position properly, carries out his defensive assignments thoroughly, and simply works at his job. He's steady, and for that reason gets his regular quota of goals when things are tough."

Lever scored 23 times for the 1982-83 Devils and three of them came while he was nullifying teammates' penalties.

"Again," Johnston notes, "that's strictly the result of good old hard work."

Chico Resch

Only one NHL goalie was busier than Devils' Glenn (Chico) Resch last season. He faced 1,933 shots, Hartford's Greg Millen a few more. And just Mike Liut of St. Louis surpassed the 65 games Resch played.

"In many important ways, he was the best goalie in the league," said Billy MacMillan, Jersey coach and GM. "It was quite a feat for us to win or tie and he made it happen 27 times altogether. On a great many other occasions, we were in contention only because of him."

Resch, 35, was a member of New York Islanders' first Stanley Cup side in 1980 but was traded to Colorado Rockies in March, 1981, before that spring's playoffs.

"Chico has played two of the most remarkable seasons I've ever witnessed," MacMillan explained. "And on top of everything else, he has been great for the fans and our younger players."

When it came time to select the 1982-83 all-stars, statistics were set aside and only three netminders ranked ahead of Resch.

Ron Low

"It was essential," says Max McNab, Devils' vice-president, "that we get Chico Resch some goaltending help.

"Luckily for us, Chico could hold the fort well enough that we didn't have to rush into anything. We could afford to await the right opportunity."

That arose late in the 1982-83 season, when Edmonton Oilers placed veteran Ron Low on the block. He had refused demotion to the minors so Oilers decided to let him go, rather than continue the argument.

Devils gave up a good back-up netminder in return, Lindsay Middlebrook.

For Jersey, Low did what he had done previously in Toronto, Washington, Detroit, Quebec and Edmonton. He played competently and dependably.

"Now Chico won't have to play 65 games again," McNab says, "and everybody should benefit from that, including him. Or should I say especially him?"

Bob MacMillan

Bobby Mac is the younger brother of Billy MacMillan, Devils' coach and general manager. But his presence in the New Jersey line-up has nothing to do with family relationships. It just so happens he is one of the best all-round right wingers in the NHL.

Last season, for example, he lifted his career total to 206 goals. Of the 19 he potted, three provided the decisive edge

in games Devils won. And remember — they had only 17 victories altogether.

Colorado Rockies acquired MacMillan and Don Lever from Calgary Flames in the Lanny McDonald trade.

“We gave up a little flash,” says GM MacMillan, “but in return, we got two very solid, up-and-down wingers. You don’t get hurt while they’re on the ice.”

Tapio Levo

Some observers opt for Edmonton’s Jari Kurri. Others prefer Rangers’ Reijo Ruotsalainen. But a great many NHL analysts will tell you New Jersey defenceman Tapio Levo is the most talented player produced so far by hockey in Finland.

The 1982-83 season was Levo’s first complete term in the NHL and he ranked fourth among all Devils’ attackers, with seven goals and 40 assists.

“He has that uncanny knack of finding people in the open and sending them those smooth, beautifully timed passes,” says Billy MacMillan, New Jersey coach and general manager. “On a top club, he’d be an all-star for sure. With us, his status will grow as our team gets stronger.

“The only problem is he comes from a very small town in Finland and finds life in North American pro sport very difficult. We’ve had all kinds of trouble keeping him happy.”

Mel Bridgman

Jersey Devils are satisfied they obtained the up-front leadership they sought when they obtained centre Mel Bridgman, 28, in a trade with Calgary Flames. They sent the Alberta club Steve Tambellini and Joel Quenneville for Bridgman and Phil Russell.

“We wanted Bridgman’s aggressiveness and experience at centre,” Devils’ general manager and coach, Bill MacMillan explained. “He’ll give us real stability on the forward line. And more than that, he’ll make things happen. He’s a very forceful player.”

Stocky and tough, Bridgman originally was groomed in Philadelphia as the successor to Bobby Clarke. But when it became apparent Clarke wouldn't go through with plans for early retirement, Bridgman was dealt to Calgary for Brad Marsh, a rearguard.

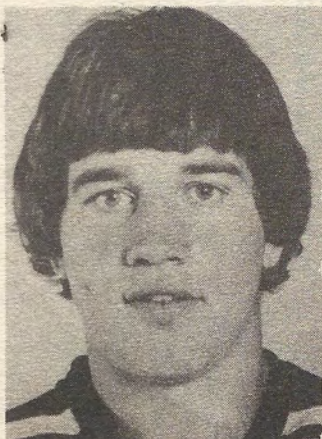
Phil Russell

Although he's 32, defenceman Phil Russell does not represent a break in New Jersey Devils' commitment to youth. So says vice-president Max McNab, anyway.

"On defence, particularly, you need a seasoned hand to work with your kids and steady them down," McNab claims. "In fact, they develop more quickly when they do. We had Carol Vadnais for that purpose last season. Vad has retired. So now we have Russell."

With Chicago, Atlanta and Calgary, Russell has played 11 seasons of NHL competition. His reputation is that, where rookie rearguards are concerned, he functions as something like an extra coach.

"He projects know-how if the youngsters just watch him," says McNab, "but we understand he does a lot of actual instruction."



Aaron Broten



Hector Marini

DEVILS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Mike Antonovich	5-8	165	Calumet, Minn.	Oct. 18, 1951	New Jersey	7	7	14
Brent Ashton	6-1	210	Saskatoon, Sask.	May 18, 1960	New Jersey	14	19	33
Mel Bridgman	6-0	190	Trenton, Ont.	April 28, 1955	Calgary	19	31	50
Aaron Broten	5-10	175	Roseau, Minn.	Nov. 14, 1960	New Jersey	16	39	55
Dave Cameron	6-0	185	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	July 29, 1958	New Jersey	5	4	9
Rich Chernomaz	5-9	175	Selkirk, Man.	Sept. 4, 1963	Victoria (WHL)	71	53	124
Paul Gagne	5-10	175	Iroquois Falls, Ont.	Feb. 6, 1962	New Jersey	14	15	29
Jeff Larmer	5-10	172	Peterborough, Ont.	Oct. 10, 1962	New Jersey	21	24	45
Don Lever	5-11	185	South Porcupine, Ont.	Nov. 14, 1952	New Jersey	23	30	53
Jan Ludvig	5-10	187	Czechoslovakia	Nov. 17, 1961	New Jersey	7	10	17
Bob MacMillan	5-11	185	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Dec. 3, 1952	New Jersey	19	29	48
Hector Marini	6-1	204	Timmins, Ont.	Jan. 27, 1957	New Jersey	17	28	45
Gary McAdam	5-11	175	Smiths Falls, Ont.	Dec. 31, 1955	Rochester (AHL)	40	29	69
Rick Meagher	5-10	175	Belleville, Ont.	Nov. 4, 1953	Hart.-N.J.	15	14	29
John Paddock	6-3	188	Brandon, Man.	June 9, 1954	Maine (AHL)	30	23	53
Yvon Vautour	6-0	200	St. John, N.B.	Sept. 10, 1956	New Jersey	4	7	11
Pat Verbeek	5-8	176	Sarnia, Ont.	May 24, 1964	Sudbury juniors	40	67	107
John Wensink	6-0	200	Cornwall, Ont.	April, 1953	New Jersey	2	7	9

HARTFORD WHALERS



Another life for the Cat

1982-83 Finish: Last in Adams Division.

Strengths: Two guys named Francis.

Weaknesses: Take your pick.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: No escape.

Emile (The Cat) Francis has tackled some pretty intimidating assignments during a lifetime in hockey. However, his latest undertaking may present the most awesome challenge of all.

Francis has become general manager of Hartford Whalers, which means it is his job to create a competitive National Hockey League side out of almost nothing.

Among the NHL's 21 member teams, only Pittsburgh Penguins were weaker than the Whalers last season. But while finishing so low was somewhat of a novelty for the Pittsburgh club, it had become almost a tradition in Hartford.

Even so, Whalers never had sunk as low as they did last spring when they concluded the 1982-83 schedule with only 45 points. This was the worst yet.

Enter The Cat, builder of strong and entertaining NHL entries in New York and St. Louis.

"We've got a long way to go. That's for sure," he said. "But I've seen worse situations. I've seen clubs with no talent at all. This team has quality players. There's something here to work with.

"I've seen organizations with no money and no fans. This one has a solid foundation. It's got security.

"Ron Francis is one of the best young players in hockey. Pierre Larouche is a top centre. Blaine Stoughton is a 50-goal man. We drafted Sylvain Turgeon, an outstanding junior winger. So there's your beginning."

The Cat has set a clear course.

"The holy grail to me is the Stanley Cup. It might seem an awfully long ways off but it's got to be the objective. I've never won one in 36 years, you know. I've been close a few times but close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades. Before I quit, though, I'll win one in Hartford," he said.

A year before Francis left St. Louis Blues and joined the Hartford organization, Whalers owned Mark Howe. Now he's one of the two best defencemen in the NHL and he belongs to Philadelphia Flyers. They got him in a deal involving themselves, Whalers and Edmonton Oilers. Whalers ended up with Risto Siltanen, hardly a comparable rearguard.

"You can't help thinking how nice it would be to have Howe, the way he's playing now," Francis admitted.

"But the thinking, as I understand it, was that whatever potential he had wasn't going to be realized in Hartford. So they made the best deal possible."

What Whalers wound up with, besides playmaker Siltanen, was a belligerent Philadelphia forward, Greg Adams, and a future Philly draft choice to boot.

"That's the kind of stockpiling we'll have to do," said Francis. "Talent is No. 1, of course. But you've got to have the numbers, too."

Pierre Larouche

When Emile Francis speaks of the talented handful he inherited in Hartford, one of the players he's referring to is Pierre Larouche, a 28-year-old centre with demonstrated 50-goal potential.

Whalers obtained the gifted Larouche from Montreal during the 1981-82 season. Last term, though, he played only 38 games, and had 18 goals and 22 assists.

A chronic back problem bothered Larouche regularly after he was injured in a Jan. 20 collision on the ice. Even taking that into consideration, Larouche was unhappy with his year.

"It was my worst season ever, personally," he said. "I wasn't used to playing for teams that miss the playoffs.

And I wasn't used to finishing last. And the worst part of it was I wasn't able to contribute anything much myself."

"In a healthy Larouche, you're looking at a guy who can get you up to 100 to 125 points with no trouble," Francis noted. "That's got to be a great plus."

Ron Francis

Buffalo's Scotty Bowman, flirting with the NHL's anti-tampering rules, has said he'd give Hartford four regulars for Ron Francis. Just about every other NHL club feels the same way.

"But he's untouchable," says Whalers' new boss, Emile Francis, "and not just because of his last name. He's the key to rebuilding this franchise. He's our nucleus."

Francis had been scheduled to spend the 1981-82 season in junior competition, finishing up his hockey education. But he was so impressive at Whalers' training camp that it was decided he was ready for the NHL, even at 18.

As a rookie, Francis collected 68 points. Last season, a sophomore of 19, he upped his total to 90 points — 31 goals and 59 assists.

"He won't level off on a plateau," says Larry Pleau, who managed and coached Whalers' last season and is now Emile Francis's assistant. "Ron has outstanding work habits. He leaves nothing undone. That's why he's successful and also why his progress will continue. He won't allow himself to stand still."

Greg Millen

Hartford's Greg Millen saw more rubber last season than any other NHL goalie. In 60 games, 2,056 pucks were propelled at him. Of those, 282 went in.

Mike Liut of St. Louis and New Jersey's Chico Resch played more matches but got more help from their defencemen and had fewer shots on net to deal with, altogether.

"It gets to be discouraging," says Millen, 26. "You can make a lot of excellent stops but the shots keep coming and, after a while, the law of averages catches up with you."

Millen had signed with the Hartford club as a free agent in 1981, leaving Pittsburgh Penguins. He proved his excellence between seasons with the dismal Whalers by playing brilliantly for Team Canada at the 1982 world championships.

"What keeps you bouncing back is the hope that something is going to be accomplished. If you believe that, you can accept the setbacks," Millen says. "I think something worthwhile is going to come of all this in Hartford. If I didn't, let me tell you it would be awfully hard to take."

Blaine Stoughton

Hartford Whalers won only 19 times all last season. In eight of those victories, the decisive margin was furnished by right winger Blaine Stoughton. He had 45 goals altogether.

"The statistics prove it. He's one of the best pure scorers in the NHL," says Emile Francis, the new Hartford GM. "He'll usually get you 50 goals and 100 points and that means he's an individual you can build with."

Actually, Stoughton has totalled 196 goals over the four seasons he has spent in Hartford since the death of the World Hockey Association. He had gone there in 1976 after playing for Pittsburgh and Toronto in the NHL.

Mark Johnson

Calgary coach Bob Johnson has mixed emotions any time his team faces Hartford Whalers. He wants to win, naturally. But he's also anxious to see his son, Mark, do well. And the young lad plays for Hartford.

Johnson once skated for his father at the University of Wisconsin, where he was an All-American. He turned pro with Pittsburgh Penguins after participating in the U.S. Olympic victory of 1980, and later was traded to Minnesota North Stars. He went to Hartford last season in exchange for Jordy Douglas.

"I think a team like Hartford offers the best situation for Mark," said the elder Johnson. "He's at a stage of his

pro career where he needs ice time. With the Whalers, he'll get lots."

Johnson responded to that last change of venue with his greatest NHL output ever, 31 goals and 38 assists.

Ray Neufeld

"It was beginning to get disheartening," Ray Neufeld says, looking back on his up-and-down hockey career. "There I was, in the minors. Meanwhile, the Whalers were having a rough time of it. And I wasn't getting a chance.

"You begin to wonder, eh? Is there any hope?"

Finally, during the 1982-83 season, Neufeld got to play a complete NHL schedule — all 80 games. And he rewarded the Hartford club with 26 goals and 31 assists.

"It's the old story, right?" Neufeld adds. "All I needed was the opportunity, plus the ability to deliver when it finally did come."

Pierre Lacroix

Quebec Nordiques were firmly committed to young defencemen as an essential ingredient in their long-range development program. But injuries and aging veterans necessitated a slight revision of those plans last season.

"We had to get a guy with experience, and one who specialized in defending his own zone," said general manager Maurice Filion. "To get him, we had to give up one of our attacking defencemen."

So Nords traded 24-year-old Pierre Lacroix to Hartford for Blake Wesley.

"That looked like a stroke of luck to me," said Emile Francis, Whalers' new chieftain. "Lacroix has finished four years in the NHL so he's got some know-how himself, and he's very good at moving the puck around."

Lacroix was expected to begin the 1983-84 campaign a little late and perhaps slowly because of injuries sustained in a car crash during the summer.

Chris Kotsopoulos

Arranging tickets is a big chore for Chris Kotsopoulos any time he plays in Maple Leaf Gardens. Between his

relatives and his friends from Toronto's Greek community, the demand is always heavy. What's more, the bandwagon is drawing more people since Kotsopoulos's stock as an NHL defenceman began to rise.

The giant Kotsopoulos used to visit Toronto as a member of New York Rangers. But he was traded to Hartford, along with Doug Sulliman, for high-scoring Mike Rogers, in a deal made just before the 1981-82 schedule opened.

"Kotsopoulos is a stay-at-home defenceman who hits a ton and has a big shot when he uses it," said Hartford GM Emile Francis. "And Sulliman isn't a bad winger. He had 22 goals last season. Both of them are young guys, besides."



Ron Francis



Greg Millen

WHALERS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Greg Adams	6-0	190	Duncan, B.C.	May 31, 1960	Hartford	10	13	23
Normand Dupont	5-10	185	Montreal, Que.	Feb. 5, 1957	Winnipeg	7	16	23
Ron Francis	5-11	175	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	March 1, 1963	Hartford	31	59	90
Michel Galarneau	6-2	200	Montreal, Que.	March 1, 1961	Hartford	5	4	9
Pierre Larouche	5-11	175	Taschereau, Que.	Nov. 16, 1955	Hartford	18	22	40
Paul Lawless	6-0	186	Scarborough, Ont.	July 2, 1964	Hartford	6	9	15
Mark Johnson	5-9	160	Madison, Wisc.	Sept. 22, 1957	Hartford	31	38	69
Merlin Malinowski	6-0	190	North Battleford, Sask.	Sept. 27, 1958	N.J.-Hart.	8	25	33
Mike McDougal	6-2	200	Port Huron, Mich.	April 30, 1958	Hartford	8	10	18
Ray Neufeld	6-2	215	St. Boniface, Man.	April 15, 1959	Hartford	26	31	57
Blaine Stoughton	5-10	185	Gilbert Plains, Man.	March 15, 1953	Hartford	45	31	76
Doug Sullivan	5-9	195	Glance Bay, N.S.	Aug. 29, 1959	Hartford	22	19	41
Bob Sullivan	6-0	210	Noranda, Que.	Nov. 29, 1957	Hartford	18	19	37
Ross Yates	6-0	180	Montreal, Que.	June 18, 1959	Binghamton (AHL)	41	84	125

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

The program is in place



1982-83 Finish: Last, Patrick Division.

Strengths: Lots of good kids.

Weaknesses: Thin at all positions.

Probable 1983-84 Finish: Fifth and rising.

Absolute rock bottom. That was the ending for the 1982-83 Pittsburgh Penguins, who experienced the saddest and most dreadful season since that city entered the National Hockey League in 1967.

And the worst disaster of all occurred near the finish when general manager Baz Bastien died in hospital, following a car accident. Coach Eddie Johnston was later named to be his successor but not until after the final defeat, leaving Penguins with a miserable 45 points. Never had their fortunes sunk so low.

"Things started going terribly for us at training camp," E.J. Johnston relates. "We found out Mario Faubert hadn't recovered from his broken leg of the year before and wouldn't be able to play. Then Ron Stackhouse, another of our experienced defencemen, decided to retire. So we were in serious trouble right away, before we'd even played a game.

"Afterwards, we ran into injuries on defence — Randy Carlyle, Greg Hotham, I forget who all. It seemed as though we were always trying to cover up back there."

The master program Bastien, Johnston, and owner Edward DeBartolo had worked out was thrown totally off its planned schedule. They'd brought a host of talented, promising youngsters into the organization and intended to develop them gradually, while a veteran rearguard provided the club with stability.

"Suddenly, we had rookies and sophomores dumped

into critical situations," Johnston said, "with predictable results.

"Still, a lot of excellent young players picked up experience under the toughest circumstances imaginable. And the result of it all is they're much further advanced than we would have expected them to be at this stage.

"That's especially true of Randy Boyd, Ron Meighan, Ron Buskas and Tony Feltrin on defence. Talk about the school of hard knocks. They know what that expression refers to now."

Looking ahead, Penguins were excited about stocky Mitch Lamoureux, rookie of the year and a 57-goal shooter for Baltimore in the American League, and Rich Sutter of the famous hockey family, a 1982 draft pick who starred for Lethbridge in the western junior playoffs.

Greg Hotham

Toronto Maple Leafs were hurting on defence and Greg Hotham, a competent NHL rearguard, remained in their farm system. That, Hotham says, was discouraging.

Penguins rescued him. Eddie Johnston obtained him via a deal late in the 1981-82 season.

"I wasn't going anywhere in the Toronto organization. I could see that," Hotham recalls. "E.J. had coached me at Moncton in the American League and must have remembered something he liked. So he gave me a chance."

Johnston explains: "A right-handed defenceman to play on the right side. That's what I liked. Those guys are very scarce in hockey, you know. And I remember Hotham made very nice passes."

Injuries limited Hotham, 27, to 58 games last season but he found time to score twice and assist on 30 other goals.

Paul Gardner

Just like baseball, hockey has its specialists. But the winter game lacks a line-up listing for something like "designated scorer" or "pinch shooter."

Paul Gardner, a wispy centre, excels at putting pucks

into opposition nets. If one comes loose in scoring territory, he'll get to it somehow and capitalize on the opportunity. And this knack is particularly useful when Penguins have an extra man; Gardner shared the NHL lead last season with 20 power play goals. He had only 28 goals altogether.

"I'm aware of certain shortcomings in Gardner's total game but you can't argue with the figures. He gets points," says Penguin chief Eddie Johnston. "It's just up to the coach to find a way of utilizing his unique skill."

Gardner has played 191 games since E.J. got him in a deal with Toronto. He has been in on 198 goals.

Denis Herron

Back in the 1970s, goaltender Denis Herron couldn't wait to get out of Pittsburgh so he could play for Montreal Canadiens.

Last season, having done so for a while, Herron was delighted to return, even to the defenceless Penguins.

"I thought Montreal would be paradise for a hockey player," Herron says, "but I had no idea the pressure you'd be under in a city like that. You're playing hockey under a microscope, and every defeat is a disaster."

Herron was the experienced NHL netminder Penguins needed to support starter Michel Dion. His workload was reduced from 62 games to 41 after Herron arrived on the scene. Herron played in 31 matches while coach Eddie Johnston was able to grant brief look-sees to rookies Roberto Romano and Nick Ricci.

Pat Boutette

Don't let the statistics fool you. Pat Boutette doesn't want to be advertised as one of the NHL's flashiest attackers.

"I'm not a scorer," he maintains. "I'm a mucker, a scrapper, a worker. But sometimes the puck will bounce for you. The law of averages says that if you keep grinding, you'll get the opportunities and that with the opportunities, the goals will come."

"Mainly, I see my job this way: I arrange goals for guys who are better scorers than me."

Still, Boutette rapped home 27 shots last season. And four of those goals brought about those rare occurrences, Pittsburgh victories.

Originally a Maple Leaf, Boutette represented part of the compensation payment when Hartford Whalers signed Pittsburgh goalie Greg Millen in 1981.

Doug Shedden

No list of the NHL's most impressive young forwards could be considered complete unless it included Pittsburgh centre Doug Shedden. He led the Penguins in total offence with 67 points, made up of 24 goals and 43 assists.

"We had to make a very tough decision with Shedden," coach Eddie Johnston related. "He was drafted in 1980 and we really could have used him right then. But the feeling was he'd be better off, in the long run (and so would we), if he spent one more year with the Sault Ste. Marie juniors. So that's where he went. And he learned a lot under coach Terry Crisp."

Shedden had 51 goals and 72 assists with the Soo and another 38 points in 19 playoff matches.

"After that, he turned pro," Johnston said. "But even then, he wasn't an immediate success. He played part of that first year in the American League. But all that careful preparation really paid off, eh? Now we have a very solid 22-year-old going for us."

Randy Carlyle

"One of these years," says Pittsburgh skipper Eddie Johnston, "Randy Carlyle is going to win another Norris Trophy and the Penguins are going to be dynamite because of it."

Injuries have helped prevent a repetition of Carlyle's 1980-81 brilliance. He was voted the best defenceman in the NHL that season, making 67 assists.

"Randy is the key man on our power play, which is vital in an all overall game plan," Johnston explains. "I got a

lot of ideas for it by watching the Celtics play basketball when I was in Boston. I'm convinced it's the easiest way to win hockey games."

Penguins' special squads were bad last season, a failing which can be attributed in large part to Carlyle's infirmities. The power play was down in production from 99 goals the year before to 81. And Penguins, incurring the most penalty minutes of any NHL club, gave up an astonishing 110 goals while short-handed.

Ron Meighan

The first player Minnesota North Stars picked in the 1981 draft was Ron Meighan. He enhanced his value in the season following by becoming the top defenceman in the Ontario Hockey League, while playing for Niagara Falls juniors.

Penguins acquired him midway through the 1982-83 schedule, with winger Anders Hakansson, for George Ferguson and their No. 1 pick last June. That became No. 1 overall when Penguins placed last in the NHL, and Stars grabbed high school star Brian Lawton.

"Let me explain the thinking for you," says Pittsburgh general manager Eddie Johnston. "We needed a defenceman. Meighan filled the bill. And because he was only 19, it seemed to me he was better than any first-round draft pick we could get. The feeling about the '83 crop was that few of them, if any, would move right to the NHL."

Six-three and 198 pounds, Meighan is a mobile, physical rearguard.

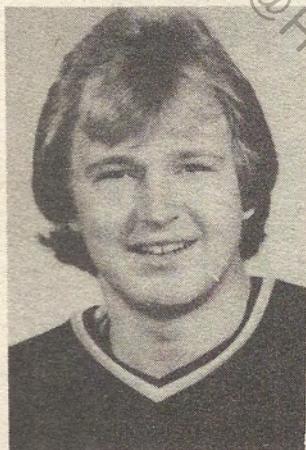
Mike Bullard

"When I look at Mike Bullard, I see a lot of what the future of this hockey club is going to be," says Eddie Johnston, who became general manager in Pittsburgh last summer, with Lou Angotti as coach.

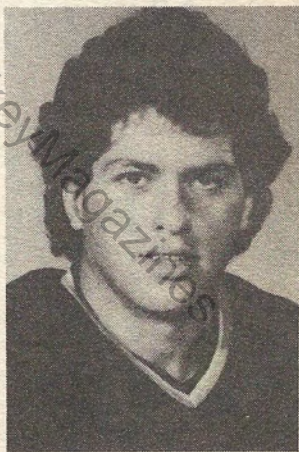
"I think he's bound to become a top NHL forward, just like Doug Shedden, Dave Hannan, Kevin McClelland, Steve Gatzos and so many others. All management needs is a little patience while the thing is taking shape."

Bullard remained in junior hockey after being drafted in 1980 but looked capable in a 15-game whirl with Penguins. On that basis, he became a first-stringer in 1981-82 and scored 36 goals.

"Like so many of our people, he ran into injuries last season," Johnston notes. "He missed 23 games but still got us 22 goals and 22 assists. He's like the whole club: what happened last year doesn't necessarily tell an accurate story."



Randy Carlyle



Doug Shedden

PENGUINS' 1983-84 ROSTER

1982-83 RECORD

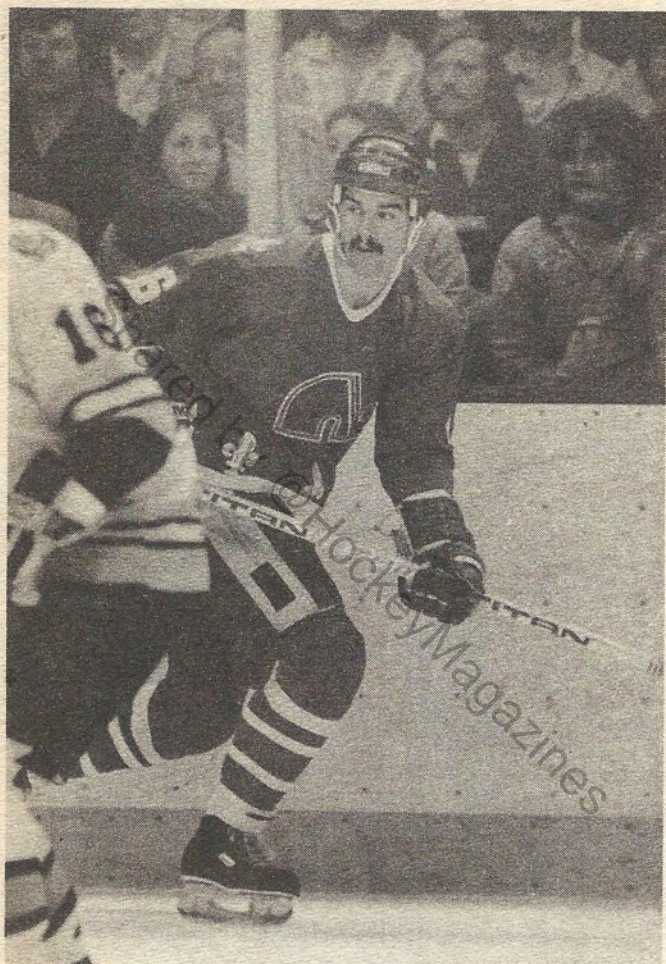
Forwards	Ht.	Wt.	Place of Birth	Date	1982-83 Club	G	A	Pts.
Pat Boutette	5-8	175	Windsor, Ont.	March 1, 1952	Pittsburgh	27	29	56
Mike Bullard	5-10	183	Ottawa, Ont.	March 10, 1961	Pittsburgh	22	22	44
Paul Gardner	6-0	193	Fort Erie, Ont.	March 5, 1956	Pittsburgh	28	27	55
Steve Gatzos	5-11	182	Toronto, Ont.	June 22, 1961	Pittsburgh	6	7	13
Anders Hakansson	6-2	191	Munfors, Sweden	April 27, 1956	Minn.-Pitt.	4	14	18
Tim Hrynewich	5-11	187	Leamington, Ont.	Oct. 2, 1963	Pittsburgh	2	3	5
Dave Hannan	5-10	173	Sudbury, Ont.	Nov. 26, 1961	Pittsburgh	11	22	33
Rick Kehoe	5-11	180	Windsor, Ont.	July 15, 1951	Pittsburgh	29	36	65
Mitch Lamoureux	5-6	185	Ottawa, Ont.	Aug. 22, 1962	Baltimore (AHL)	57	50	107
Greg Malone	6-0	190	Chatham, N.B.	March 8, 1956	Pittsburgh	17	44	61
Kevin McClelland	6-0	180	Oshawa, Ont.	July 4, 1962	Pittsburgh	5	4	9
Gary Rissling	5-9	175	Saskatoon, Sask.	Aug. 8, 1956	Pittsburgh	5	4	9
Rocky Saganiuk	5-8	185	Myrnan, Alta.	Oct. 15, 1957	St. Catharines (AHL)	26	23	49
Rod Schutt	5-10	185	Bancroft, Ont.	Oct. 13, 1956	Baltimore (AHL)	34	53	87
Doug Shedden	6-0	184	Wallaceburg, Ont.	April 29, 1961	Pittsburgh	24	43	67
Rich Sutter	5-11	165	Viking, Alta.	Dec. 21, 1963	Lethbridge (WHL)	37	30	67



Reijo Ruotsalainen, New York Rangers



Mark Howe, Philadelphia Flyers



Michel Goulet, Quebec Nordiques



Guy Lafleur, Montreal Canadiens



Bob Sauve, Buffalo Sabres



Steve Payne, Minnesota North Stars



Lanny McDonald, Calgary Flames



Don Beaupre, Minnesota North Stars

PART THREE
FACTS AND FIGURES
FINAL STANDINGS, 1982-83
CLARENCE CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

NORRIS DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Chicago	80	47	23	10	338	268	104
Minnesota	80	40	24	16	321	290	96
Toronto	80	28	40	12	293	330	68
St. Louis	80	25	40	15	285	316	65
Detroit	80	21	44	15	263	344	57

SMYTHE DIVISION

Edmonton	80	47	21	12	424	315	106
Calgary	80	32	34	14	321	317	78
Vancouver	80	30	35	15	303	309	75
Winnipeg	80	33	39	8	311	333	74
Los Angeles	80	27	41	12	308	365	66

PRINCE OF WALES CONFERENCE

ADAMS DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Boston	80	50	20	10	327	228	110
Montreal	80	42	24	14	350	286	98
Buffalo	80	38	29	13	318	285	89
Quebec	80	34	34	12	343	336	80
Hartford	80	19	54	7	261	403	45

PATRICK DIVISION

Philadelphia	80	49	23	8	326	240	106
NY Islanders	80	42	26	12	302	226	96
Washington	80	39	25	16	306	283	94
NY Rangers	80	35	35	10	306	287	80
New Jersey	80	17	49	14	230	338	48
Pittsburgh	80	18	53	9	257	394	45

Legend: GP — games played; W — won; L — lost;
T — tied; GF — goals for; GA — goals against;
Pts. — points.

COMBINED STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
1. Boston	80	50	20	10	327	228	110
2. Philadelphia	80	49	23	8	326	240	106
3. Edmonton	80	47	21	12	424	315	106
4. Chicago	80	47	23	10	338	268	104
5. Montreal	80	42	24	14	350	286	98
6. NY Islanders	80	42	26	12	302	226	96
7. Minnesota	80	40	24	16	321	290	96
8. Washington	80	39	25	16	306	283	94
9. Buffalo	80	38	29	13	318	285	89
10. NY Rangers	80	35	35	10	306	287	80
11. Quebec	80	34	34	12	343	336	80
12. Calgary	80	32	34	14	321	317	78
13. Vancouver	80	30	35	15	303	309	75
14. Winnipeg	80	33	39	8	311	333	74
15. Toronto	80	28	40	12	293	330	68
16. Los Angeles	80	27	41	12	308	365	66
17. St. Louis	80	25	40	15	285	316	65
18. Detroit	80	21	44	15	263	344	57
19. New Jersey	80	17	49	14	230	338	48
20. Hartford	80	19	54	7	261	403	45
21. Pittsburgh	80	18	53	9	257	394	45

INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Wayne Gretzky	Edmonton	80	71	125	196	60	59
Peter Stastny	Quebec	75	47	77	124	29	78
Denis Savard	Chicago	78	35	85	120	26	99
Mike Bossy	Islanders	79	60	58	118	27	20
Marcel Dionne	Los Angeles	80	56	51	107	10	22
Barry Pederson	Boston	77	46	61	107	38	47
Mark Messier	Edmonton	77	48	58	106	19	72
Michel Goulet	Quebec	80	57	48	105	30	51
G. Anderson	Edmonton	72	48	56	104	41	70
Kent Nilsson	Calgary	80	46	58	104	5	10
Jari Kurri	Edmonton	80	45	59	104	47	22
L. McDonald	Calgary	80	66	32	98	2-	90
Rick Middleton	Boston	80	49	47	96	33	8
Paul Coffey	Edmonton	80	29	67	96	52	87
Anton Stastny	Quebec	79	32	60	92	25	25
Dale Hawerchuk	Winnipeg	79	40	51	91	17-	31
Steve Larmer	Chicago	80	43	47	90	44	28
Ron Francis	Hartford	79	31	59	90	25-	60
Bryan Trottier	Islanders	80	34	55	89	37	68
Stan Smyl	Vancouver	74	38	50	88	6-	114
Al Secord	Chicago	80	54	32	86	34	180
Thomas Gradin	Vancouver	80	32	54	86	17-	61

Legend: GP — games played; G — goals; A — assists; Pts. — points; +/- — plus-minus; PM — penalty minutes.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING BY TEAMS

BOSTON BRUINS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Barry Pederson	Boston	77	46	61	107	38	47
Rick Middleton	Boston	80	49	47	96	33	8
Keith Crowder	Boston	74	35	39	74	22	105
Peter McNab	Boston	74	22	52	74	16	23
Ray Bourque	Boston	65	22	51	73	49	20
M. Krushelnyski	Boston	79	23	42	65	38	43
Tom Fergus	Boston	80	28	35	63	26	39
Mike O'Connell	Boston	80	14	39	53	44	42
Bruce Crowder	Boston	80	21	19	40	30	58
Brad Park	Boston	76	10	26	36	20	82
Craig Mactavish	Boston	75	10	20	30	15	18
Luc Dufour	Boston	73	14	11	25	19	107
Mike Milbury	Boston	78	9	15	24	22	216
Terry O'Reilly	Boston	19	6	14	20	16	40
Brad Palmer	Boston	73	6	11	17	7-	18
W. Cashman	Boston	65	4	11	15	2	20
Marty Howe	Boston	78	1	11	12	21	24
Randy Hillier	Boston	70	0	10	10	10	99
N. Leveille	Boston	9	3	6	9	1	0
Steve Kasper	Boston	24	2	6	8	8-	24
Gord Kluzak	Boston	70	1	6	7	6	105
Dave Barr	Boston	10	1	1	2	1	7
Pete Peeters	Boston	62	0	2	2	0	33
Mike Gillis	Boston	5	0	1	1	1	0
Larry Melnyk	Boston	1	0	0	0	2-	0
Scott McLellan	Boston	2	0	0	0	0	0
Marco Baron	Boston	9	0	0	0	0	4
Mike Moffat	Boston	13	0	0	0	0	2

BUFFALO SABRES

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
G. Perreault	Buffalo	77	30	46	76	10-	34
Tony McKegney	Buffalo	78	36	37	73	1	18
Phil Housley	Buffalo	77	19	47	66	4-	39
Dale McCourt	Buffalo	62	20	32	52	13-	10
Mike Foligno	Buffalo	66	22	25	47	8	135
Gilles Hamel	Buffalo	66	22	20	42	4	26
Ric Seiling	Buffalo	75	19	22	41	2	41
Andre Savard	Buffalo	68	16	25	41	11	28
Mike Ramsey	Buffalo	77	8	30	38	19	55
D. Andreychuk	Buffalo	43	14	23	37	6	16
Hannu Virta	Buffalo	74	13	24	37	6	18
Brent Peterson	Buffalo	75	13	24	37	10	38
Lindy Ruff	Buffalo	60	12	17	29	14	130
Craig Ramsay	Buffalo	64	11	18	29	14	7
Paul Cyr	Buffalo	36	15	12	27	6-	59
J. Van Boxmeer	Buffalo	65	6	21	27	7	53
Sean McKenna	Buffalo	46	10	14	24	4-	4
Steve Patrick	Buffalo	56	9	13	22	4	26
Mal Davis	Buffalo	24	8	12	20	6-	0
Mike Moller	Buffalo	49	6	12	18	2	14
Larry Playfair	Buffalo	79	4	13	17	5	180
Bill Hajt	Buffalo	72	3	12	15	6	26
Dave Fenyves	Buffalo	24	0	8	8	10-	14
J.F. Sauve	Buffalo	9	0	4	4	0	9
G. Robertson	Buffalo	5	1	2	3	1-	7
Gary McAdam	Buffalo	4	1	0	1	4-	0
Bob Sauve	Buffalo	54	0	1	1	0	8
Kai Suikkanen	Buffalo	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ron Fischer	Buffalo	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jere Gillis	Buffalo	3	0	0	0	6-	0
Phil Myre	Buffalo	5	0	0	0	0	2
Jacques Cloutier	Buffalo	25	0	0	0	0	0

CALGARY FLAMES

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Kent Nilsson	Calgary	80	46	58	104	5	10
L. McDonald	Calgary	80	66	32	98	2-	90
Paul Reinhart	Calgary	78	17	58	75	1	28
Guy Chouinard	Calgary	80	13	59	72	24-	18
D. Risebrough	Calgary	71	21	37	58	13	138
Mel Bridgman	Calgary	79	19	31	50	1-	103
Kari Eloranta	Calgary	80	4	40	44	13	43
Jim Peplinski	Calgary	80	15	26	41	5-	134
Kevin Lavallee	Calgary	60	19	16	35	6-	17
Jamie Hislop	Calgary	79	14	19	33	5-	17
Phil Russell	Calgary	78	13	18	31	2	112
Eddy Beers	Calgary	41	11	15	26	11	21
D. Hindmarch	Calgary	60	11	12	23	8-	23
Jim Jackson	Calgary	48	8	12	20	9	7
Steve Christoff	Calgary	45	9	8	17	3-	4
Steve Konroyd	Calgary	79	4	13	17	3	73
Richie Dunn	Calgary	80	3	11	14	4-	47
Carl Mokosak	Calgary	41	7	6	13	5-	87
Kari Jalonen	Calgary	25	9	3	12	8	4
Greg Meredith	Calgary	35	5	4	9	5-	8
C. Bourgeois	Calgary	15	2	3	5	4-	21
Jamie Macoun	Calgary	22	1	4	5	3	25
Rejean Lemelin	Calgary	39	0	5	5	0	7
Al MacInnis	Calgary	14	1	3	4	0	9
Pierre Rioux	Calgary	14	1	2	3	3-	4
Tim Hunter	Calgary	16	1	0	1	2-	54
Pat Ribble	Calgary	28	0	1	1	12-	18
Don Edwards	Calgary	39	0	1	1	0	0
Mike Vernon	Calgary	2	0	0	0	0	0
Howard Walker	Calgary	3	0	0	0	0	7
Tim Harrer	Calgary	3	0	0	0	0	2
Gord Hampson	Calgary	4	0	0	0	2-	5
Tim Bernhardt	Calgary	6	0	0	0	0	0

CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Denis Savard	Chicago	78	35	85	120	26	99
Steve Larmer	Chicago	80	43	47	90	44	28
Al Secord	Chicago	80	54	32	86	34	180
Doug Wilson	Chicago	74	18	51	69	22	58
Darryl Sutter	Chicago	80	31	30	61	18	53
Tom Lysiak	Chicago	61	23	38	61	13	29
Rich Preston	Chicago	79	25	28	53	14	64
Doug Crossman	Chicago	80	13	40	53	21	46
Bill Gardner	Chicago	77	15	25	40	10	12
Bob Murray	Chicago	79	7	32	39	24	71
Curt Fraser	Vancouver	36	6	7	13	7-	99
	Chicago	38	6	13	19	2	77
	Total	74	12	20	32	5-	176
Keith Brown	Chicago	50	4	27	31	8	20
Steve Ludzik	Chicago	66	6	19	25	7	63
Tim Higgins	Chicago	64	14	9	23	4-	63
Rick Paterson	Chicago	79	14	9	23	1-	14
Peter Marsh	Chicago	68	6	14	20	8-	55
Dave Feamster	Chicago	78	6	12	18	15	69
Denis Cyr	Calgary	11	1	1	2	1	0
	Chicago	41	7	8	15	6	2
	Total	52	8	9	17	7	2
Troy Murray	Chicago	54	8	8	16	4-	27
Greg Fox	Chicago	76	0	13	13	11	81
Jack O'Callahan	Chicago	39	0	11	11	9	46
Mike Fidler	Chicago	4	2	1	3	1-	4
M. Bannerman	Chicago	41	0	1	1	0	2
Jerome Dupont	Chicago	1	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Mulvey	Chicago	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Esposito	Chicago	39	0	0	0	0	0

DETROIT RED WINGS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+ / -	PM
John Ogrodnick	Detroit	80	41	44	85	11	30
Reed Larson	Detroit	80	22	52	74	8-	104
Danny Gare	Detroit	79	26	35	61	16-	107
Ivan Boldirev	Vancouver	39	5	20	25	9-	12
	Detroit	33	13	17	30	6-	14
	Total	72	18	37	55	15-	26
Mark Osborne	Detroit	80	19	24	43	41-	83
Walt McKechnie	Detroit	64	14	29	43	1	42
Willy Huber	Detroit	74	14	29	43	34-	106
Mike Blaisdell	Detroit	80	18	23	41	6-	22
Dwight Foster	New Jersey	4	0	0	0	1-	2
	Detroit	58	17	22	39	8-	58
	Total	62	17	22	39	9-	60
Paul Woods	Detroit	63	13	20	33	2-	30
Reggie Leach	Detroit	78	15	17	32	1-	13
Greg Smith	Detroit	73	4	26	30	7	79
Stan Weir	Detroit	57	5	24	29	0	2
Tom Rowe	Detroit	51	6	10	16	17-	44
John Barrett	Detroit	79	4	10	14	18-	74
Mark Lofthouse	Detroit	28	8	4	12	8	18
Derek Smith	Detroit	42	7	4	11	7-	12
Murray Craven	Detroit	31	4	7	11	5	6
Jim Schoenfeld	Detroit	57	1	10	11	14-	18
Colin Campbell	Detroit	53	1	7	8	2	74
Kelly Kisio	Detroit	15	4	3	7	2-	0
Ken Solheim	Minnesota	25	2	4	6	1	4
	Detroit	10	0	0	0	2-	2
	Total	35	2	4	6	1-	6
Randy Ladouceur	Detroit	27	0	4	4	10-	16
Joe Paterson	Detroit	33	2	1	3	8-	14
Gilles Gilbert	Detroit	20	0	3	3	0	4
Bobby Francis	Detroit	14	2	0	2	1-	0
Claude Loiselle	Detroit	18	2	0	2	14-	15
Larry Trader	Detroit	15	0	2	2	9-	6
Dennis Polonich	Detroit	11	0	1	1	4-	0
Corrado Micallef	Detroit	34	0	1	1	0	18
Jim Rutherford	Detroit	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brad Smith	Detroit	1	0	0	0	1-	0
Bobby Crawford	Detroit	1	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Joly	Detroit	2	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Stefan	Detroit	35	0	0	0	0	35

EDMONTON OILERS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Wayne Gretzky	Edmonton	80	71	125	196	60	59
Mark Messier	Edmonton	77	48	58	106	19	72
Glenn Anderson	Edmonton	72	48	56	104	41	70
Jari Kurri	Edmonton	80	45	59	104	47	22
Paul Coffey	Edmonton	80	29	67	96	52	87
Ken Linseman	Edmonton	72	33	42	75	16	181
Charlie Huddy	Edmonton	76	20	37	57	62	58
Willy Lindstrom	Winnipeg	63	20	25	45	5-	8
	Edmonton	10	6	5	11	5	2
	Total	73	26	30	56	0	10
Pat Hughes	Edmonton	80	25	20	45	0	85
Tom Roulston	Edmonton	67	19	21	40	29	24
Kevin Lowe	Edmonton	80	6	34	40	39	43
Dave Lumley	Edmonton	72	13	24	37	19	158
J. Pouzar	Edmonton	74	15	18	33	17	57
Dave Hunter	Edmonton	80	13	18	31	12	120
Randy Gregg	Edmonton	80	6	22	28	15	54
Dave Semenko	Edmonton	75	12	15	27	19	141
Lee Fogolin	Edmonton	72	0	18	18	24	92
Marc Habscheid	Edmonton	32	3	10	13	14	14
Don Jackson	Edmonton	71	2	8	10	12	136
Andy Moog	Edmonton	50	0	4	4	0	16
John Blum	Edmonton	5	0	3	3	2	24
Garry Unger	Edmonton	16	2	0	2	1	8
Garry Lariviere	Edmonton	17	0	2	2	13	14
L. Middlebrook	New Jersey	9	0	1	1	0	2
	Edmonton	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	10	0	1	1	0	2
Todd Strueby	Edmonton	1	0	0	0	2-	0
Don Nachbaur	Edmonton	4	0	0	0	1-	17
Grant Fuhr	Edmonton	32	0	0	0	0	6

HARTFORD WHALERS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Ron Francis	Hartford	79	31	59	90	25-	60
B. Stoughton	Hartford	72	45	31	76	22-	27
Mark Johnson	Hartford	73	31	38	69	5-	28
Ray Neufeld	Hartford	80	26	31	57	34-	86
Doug Sulliman	Hartford	77	22	19	41	57-	14
Pierre Larouche	Hartford	38	18	22	40	24-	8
Bob Sullivan	Hartford	62	18	19	37	17-	18
Pierre Lacroix	Quebec	13	0	5	5	4	6
	Hartford	56	6	25	31	19-	18
	Total	69	6	30	36	15-	24
M. Malinowski	New Jersey	5	3	2	5	1	0
	Hartford	75	5	23	28	41-	16
	Total	80	8	25	31	40-	16
Mark Renaud	Hartford	77	3	28	31	42-	37
C. Kotsopoulos	Hartford	68	6	24	30	20-	125
Risto Siltanen	Hartford	74	5	25	30	39-	28
Greg Adams	Hartford	79	10	13	23	46-	216
Mike McDougal	Hartford	55	8	10	18	33-	43
Mickey Volcan	Hartford	68	4	13	17	30-	73
Paul Lawless	Hartford	47	6	9	15	31-	4
Warren Miller	Hartford	56	1	10	11	14-	15
George Lyle	Hartford	16	4	6	10	5	8
Ed Hospodar	Hartford	72	1	9	10	32-	199
M. Galarneau	Hartford	38	5	4	9	8-	21
Russ Anderson	Hartford	57	0	6	6	33-	171
Dan Fridgen	Hartford	11	2	2	4	2	2
A. Henderson	Hartford	15	2	1	3	2-	64
Paul Marshall	Hartford	13	1	2	3	2-	0
Greg Millen	Hartford	60	0	2	2	0	8
Stuart Smith	Hartford	18	1	0	1	16-	25
Randy Gilhen	Hartford	2	0	1	1	0	0
Mike Hoffman	Hartford	2	0	1	1	2-	0
Mark Paterson	Hartford	2	0	0	0	1-	0
J. Brownschidle	Hartford	4	0	0	0	6-	0
Paul MacDermid	Hartford	7	0	0	0	6-	2
Mike Veisor	Hartford	23	0	0	0	0	2

LOS ANGELES KINGS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Marcel Dionne	Los Angeles	80	56	51	107	10	22
Charlie Simmer	Los Angeles	80	29	51	80	0	51
Jim Fox	Los Angeles	77	28	40	68	11-	8
Larry Murphy	Los Angeles	77	14	48	62	2	81
Dave Taylor	Los Angeles	46	21	37	58	4	76
Bernie Nicholls	Los Angeles	71	28	22	50	23-	124
T. Ruskowski	Chicago	5	0	2	2	0	12
	Los Angeles	71	14	30	44	16-	127
	Total	76	14	32	46	16-	139
Daryl Evans	Los Angeles	80	18	22	40	18-	21
Mark Hardy	Los Angeles	74	5	34	39	29-	101
John Paul Kelly	Los Angeles	65	16	15	31	14-	52
Jerry Korab	Los Angeles	72	3	26	29	6-	90
Mike Murphy	Los Angeles	74	16	11	27	11-	52
Steve Bozek	Los Angeles	53	13	13	26	18-	14
Warren Holmes	Los Angeles	39	8	16	24	8-	7
Doug Smith	Los Angeles	42	11	11	22	14-	12
Ulf Isaksson	Los Angeles	50	7	15	22	1	10
Dean Hopkins	Los Angeles	49	5	12	17	5-	43
Jay Wells	Los Angeles	69	3	12	15	11	167
Dave Lewis	Los Angeles	79	2	10	12	22-	53
Dean Kennedy	Los Angeles	55	0	12	12	17-	97
Dave Morrison	Los Angeles	24	3	3	6	7-	4
Howard Scruton	Los Angeles	4	0	4	4	4-	9
Brian Maclellan	Los Angeles	8	0	3	3	5-	7
Phil Sykes	Los Angeles	7	2	0	2	1	2
Dan Bonar	Los Angeles	20	1	1	2	7-	40
Scott Gruhl	Los Angeles	7	0	2	2	5-	4
M. Mattsson	Minnesota	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Los Angeles	19	0	2	2	0	2
	Total	21	0	2	2	0	2
Victor Nechaev	Los Angeles	3	1	0	1	1	0
Pierre Giroux	Los Angeles	6	1	0	1	1-	17
Jim Brown	Los Angeles	3	0	1	1	2-	5
Doug Keans	Los Angeles	6	0	1	1	0	0
Peter Helander	Los Angeles	7	0	1	1	2-	0
Mario Lessard	Los Angeles	19	0	1	1	0	2

Gary Laskoski	Los Angeles	46	0	1	1	0	6
Blair Barnes	Los Angeles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Al Sims	Los Angeles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bob Gladney	Los Angeles	1	0	0	0	2-	2
Rick Blight	Los Angeles	2	0	0	0	3-	2
Dean Turner	Los Angeles	3	0	0	0	0	4
Dave Gans	Los Angeles	3	0	0	0	1-	0
Mike Blake	Los Angeles	9	0	0	0	0	2

MINNESOTA NORTH STARS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Neal Broten	Minnesota	79	32	45	77	24	43
Bobby Smith	Minnesota	77	24	53	77	20-	81
Tom McCarthy	Minnesota	80	28	48	76	18	59
Dino Ciccarelli	Minnesota	77	37	38	75	16	94
Steve Payne	Minnesota	80	30	39	69	9-	53
Brian Bellows	Minnesota	78	35	30	65	12-	27
Craig Hartsburg	Minnesota	78	12	50	62	7	109
Tim Young	Minnesota	70	18	35	53	1-	31
Gordie Roberts	Minnesota	80	3	41	44	18	103
Willi Plett	Minnesota	71	25	14	39	12-	170
Brad Maxwell	Minnesota	77	11	28	39	1-	157
Al MacAdam	Minnesota	73	11	22	33	3	60
Mike Eaves	Minnesota	75	16	16	32	3-	21
Jordy Douglas	Minnesota	68	13	14	27	7-	30
Curt Giles	Minnesota	76	2	21	23	11	70
George Ferguson	Pittsburgh	7	0	0	0	7-	2
	Minnesota	65	8	12	20	1-	14
	Total	72	8	12	20	8-	16
Ron Friest	Minnesota	50	6	7	13	4-	150
Gary Sargent	Minnesota	18	3	6	9	5	5
Dan Mandich	Minnesota	67	3	4	7	0	169
Fred Barrett	Minnesota	51	1	3	4	10-	22
Warren Young	Minnesota	4	1	1	2	0	0
Don Beaupre	Minnesota	36	0	2	2	0	10
Gilles Meloche	Minnesota	47	0	1	1	0	0
Bob Bergloff	Minnesota	2	0	0	0	1-	5
Randy Velischek	Minnesota	3	0	0	0	4-	2
Wes Jarvis	Minnesota	3	0	0	0	2-	2
Dave Richter	Minnesota	6	0	0	0	0	4

MONTREAL CANADIENS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Guy Lafleur	Montreal	68	27	49	76	6	12
Ryan Walter	Montreal	80	29	46	75	15	40
Mats Naslund	Montreal	74	26	45	71	34	10
Mark Napier	Montreal	73	40	27	67	20	6
Mario Tremblay	Montreal	80	30	37	67	29	87
Pierre Mondou	Montreal	76	29	37	66	32	31
Larry Robinson	Montreal	71	14	49	63	33	33
Steve Shutt	Montreal	78	35	22	57	8	26
D. Wickenheiser	Montreal	78	25	30	55	22	49
Keith Acton	Montreal	78	24	26	50	6-	63
G. Carbonneau	Montreal	77	18	29	47	18	68
Robert Picard	Montreal	64	7	31	38	31	60
Gilbert Delorme	Montreal	78	12	21	33	27	89
Bob Gainey	Montreal	80	12	18	30	7	43
Rick Green	Montreal	66	2	24	26	23	58
Craig Ludwig	Montreal	80	0	25	25	4	59
Mark Hunter	Montreal	31	8	8	16	5	73
Chris Nilan	Montreal	66	6	8	14	10-	213
Rejean Houle	Montreal	16	2	3	5	4	8
Bill Root	Montreal	46	2	3	5	5	24
Ric Nattress	Montreal	40	1	3	4	8	19
Richard Sevigny	Montreal	38	0	1	1	0	8
Rick Wamsley	Montreal	46	0	1	1	0	4
Yvan Joly	Montreal	1	0	0	0	1-	0
Mark Holden	Montreal	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dwight Schofield	Montreal	2	0	0	0	1	7
Bill Kitchen	Montreal	8	0	0	0	2-	4

NEW JERSEY DEVILS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+ / -	PM
Aaron Broten	New Jersey	73	16	39	55	20-	28
Don Lever	New Jersey	79	23	30	53	35-	68
Bob MacMillan	New Jersey	71	19	29	48	35-	8
Tapio Levo	New Jersey	73	7	40	47	41-	22
Jeff Larmer	New Jersey	65	21	24	45	6-	21
Hector Marini	New Jersey	77	17	28	45	14-	105
S. Tambellini	New Jersey	73	25	18	43	27-	14
Brent Ashton	New Jersey	76	14	19	33	23-	47
Rick Meagher	Hartford	4	0	0	0	3-	0
	New Jersey	57	15	14	29	21-	11
	Total	61	15	14	29	24-	11
Paul Gagne	New Jersey	53	14	15	29	2-	13
M. Brumwell	New Jersey	59	5	14	19	20-	34
Jan Ludvig	New Jersey	51	7	10	17	27-	30
Joel Quenneville	New Jersey	74	5	12	17	13-	46
Mike Antonovich	New Jersey	30	7	7	14	7-	11
Glenn Merkosky	New Jersey	34	4	10	14	10-	20
Bob Lorimer	New Jersey	66	3	10	13	20-	42
Mike Kitchen	New Jersey	77	4	8	12	25-	52
Yvon Vautour	New Jersey	52	4	7	11	19-	136
Rob Palmer	New Jersey	60	1	10	11	6-	21
Dave Cameron	New Jersey	35	5	4	9	8-	50
John Wensink	New Jersey	42	2	7	9	8-	135
Carol Vadnais	New Jersey	51	2	7	9	32-	64
Pat Verbeek	New Jersey	6	3	2	5	2-	8
Dave Hutchison	New Jersey	32	1	4	5	20-	102
Garry Howatt	New Jersey	38	1	4	5	29-	114
Jukka Porvari	New Jersey	8	1	3	4	1-	4
Glenn Resch	New Jersey	65	0	3	3	0	6
Larry Floyd	New Jersey	5	1	0	1	4-	2
Joe Cirella	New Jersey	2	0	1	1	2-	4
Mike Moher	New Jersey	9	0	1	1	3-	28
Ron Low	Edmonton	3	0	0	0	0	0
	New Jersey	11	0	1	1	0	4
	Total	14	0	1	1	0	4
Randy Pierce	New Jersey	3	0	0	0	0	0
S. MacKenzie	New Jersey	6	0	0	0	0	0

NEW YORK ISLANDERS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Mike Bossy	Islanders	79	60	58	118	27	20
Bryan Trottier	Islanders	80	34	55	89	37	68
John Tonelli	Islanders	76	31	40	71	30	55
Denis Potvin	Islanders	69	12	54	66	32	60
Bob Bourne	Islanders	77	20	42	62	14	55
Tomas Jonsson	Islanders	72	13	35	48	40	50
Clark Gillies	Islanders	70	21	20	41	9	76
Brent Sutter	Islanders	80	21	19	40	14	128
Butch Goring	Islanders	75	19	20	39	10	8
Duane Sutter	Islanders	75	13	19	32	8	118
Bob Nystrom	Islanders	74	10	20	30	5	98
Stefan Persson	Islanders	70	4	25	29	12	71
Dave Langevin	Islanders	73	4	17	21	22	64
Greg Gilbert	Islanders	45	8	11	19	1	30
Ken Morrow	Islanders	79	5	11	16	18	44
Wayne Merrick	Islanders	59	4	12	16	3-	27
Mats Hallin	Islanders	30	7	7	14	4	26
Anders Kallur	Islanders	55	6	8	14	9	33
Mike McEwen	Islanders	42	2	11	13	11	16
Billy Carroll	Islanders	71	1	11	12	3	24
Paul Boutilier	Islanders	29	4	5	9	5-	24
Gord Lane	Islanders	44	3	4	7	1	87
R. Melanson	Islanders	44	0	3	3	0	22
Kevin Devine	Islanders	2	0	1	1	1	8
Gord Dineen	Islanders	2	0	0	0	2-	4
Darcy Regier	Islanders	6	0	0	0	0	7
Billy Smith	Islanders	41	0	0	0	0	41

NEW YORK RANGERS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+ / -	PM
Mike Rogers	Rangers	71	29	47	76	10-	28
Mark Pavelich	Rangers	78	37	38	75	20	52
Don Maloney	Rangers	78	29	40	69	5-	88
R. Ruotsalainen	Rangers	77	16	53	69	27	22
Anders Hedberg	Rangers	78	25	34	59	17	12
Mikko Leinonen	Rangers	78	17	34	51	12	23
Dave Maloney	Rangers	78	8	42	50	3-	132
R. McClanahan	Rangers	78	22	26	48	12	46
Ron Duguay	Rangers	72	19	25	44	13-	58
Ed Johnstone	Rangers	52	15	21	36	4-	27
Barry Beck	Rangers	66	12	22	34	22	112
V. Nedomansky	Rangers	1	1	0	1	2-	0
	St. Louis	22	2	9	11	8-	2
	Rangers	34	11	8	19	1	0
	Total	57	14	17	31	9-	2
Robbie Ftorek	Rangers	61	12	19	31	11	41
K.E. Andersson	Rangers	71	8	20	28	6	14
Nick Fotiu	Rangers	72	8	13	21	6	90
Mike Allison	Rangers	39	11	9	20	8	37
Bill Baker	Rangers	70	4	14	18	8-	64
Chris Kontos	Rangers	44	8	7	15	1	33
Rick Chartraw	Los Angeles	31	3	5	8	14-	31
	Rangers	26	2	2	4	2	37
	Total	57	5	7	12	12-	68
S. Kleinendorst	Rangers	30	2	9	11	7	8
Tom Laidlaw	Rangers	80	0	10	10	11-	75
Ron Greschner	Rangers	10	3	5	8	0	0
Ulf Nilsson	Rangers	10	2	4	6	1-	2
Mike Backman	Rangers	7	1	3	4	5-	6
Ed Mio	Rangers	41	0	3	3	0	8
Dave Silk	Rangers	16	1	1	2	3-	15
Steve Weeks	Rangers	18	0	2	2	0	0
Pat Conacher	Rangers	5	0	1	1	0	4
Cam Connor	Rangers	1	0	0	0	0	0
John Davidson	Rangers	2	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Baker	Rangers	3	0	0	0	0	0
G. Nicolson	Rangers	10	0	0	0	5-	9
Glen Hanlon	St. Louis	14	0	0	0	0	0
	Rangers	21	0	0	0	0	2
	Total	35	0	0	0	0	2

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+ / -	PM
Bobby Clarke	Philadelphia	80	23	62	85	37	115
Darryl Sittler	Philadelphia	80	43	40	83	17	60
Brian Propp	Philadelphia	80	40	42	82	35	72
Mark Howe	Philadelphia	76	20	47	67	47	18
Ron Flockhart	Philadelphia	73	29	31	60	3	49
Bill Barber	Philadelphia	66	27	33	60	17	28
Ray Allison	Philadelphia	67	21	30	51	30	57
Ilkka Sinisalo	Philadelphia	61	21	29	50	18	16
Paul Holmgren	Philadelphia	77	19	24	43	18	178
Lindsay Carson	Philadelphia	78	18	19	37	20	68
Miroslav Dvorak	Philadelphia	80	4	33	37	27	20
Mark Taylor	Philadelphia	61	8	25	33	25	24
Behn Wilson	Philadelphia	62	8	24	32	3	92
Paul Evans	Philadelphia	58	8	20	28	16	20
Brad McCrimmon	Philadelphia	79	4	21	25	24	61
Glen Cochrane	Philadelphia	77	2	22	24	42	237
Tim Kerr	Philadelphia	24	11	8	19	4	6
Tom Gorence	Philadelphia	53	7	7	14	4	10
Bob Hoffmeyer	Philadelphia	35	2	11	13	7	40
Brad Marsh	Philadelphia	68	2	11	13	20	52
Frank Bathe	Philadelphia	57	1	8	9	4	72
Dave Michayluk	Philadelphia	13	2	6	8	1	8
Pelle Lindbergh	Philadelphia	40	0	4	4	0	0
John Paddock	Philadelphia	10	2	1	3	6-	4
Dan Poulin	Philadelphia	2	2	0	2	1	2
Andy Brickley	Philadelphia	3	1	1	2	1-	0
Ron Sutter	Philadelphia	10	1	1	2	0	9
Bob Froese	Philadelphia	24	0	2	2	0	2
Ross Fitzpatrick	Philadelphia	1	0	0	0	1-	0
Gordie Williams	Philadelphia	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Brown	Philadelphia	2	0	0	0	1-	5
Michel Larocque	Toronto	16	0	0	0	0	0
	Philadelphia	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total		18	0	0	0	0	0

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Doug Shedden	Pittsburgh	80	24	43	67	20-	54
Rick Kehoe	Pittsburgh	75	29	36	65	45-	12
Greg Malone	Pittsburgh	80	17	44	61	29-	82
Pat Boutette	Pittsburgh	80	27	29	56	33-	152
Randy Carlyle	Pittsburgh	61	15	41	56	27-	110
Paul Gardner	Pittsburgh	70	28	27	55	23-	12
Mike Bullard	Pittsburgh	57	22	22	44	21-	60
Dave Hannan	Pittsburgh	74	11	22	33	28-	127
Paul Baxter	Pittsburgh	75	11	21	32	49-	238
Greg Hotham	Pittsburgh	58	2	30	32	14-	39
Peter Lee	Pittsburgh	63	13	13	26	9-	10
A. St. Laurent	Pittsburgh	70	13	9	22	15-	105
A. Hakansson	Minnesota	5	0	0	0	1	9
	Pittsburgh	62	9	12	21	11-	26
	Total	67	9	12	21	10-	35
Randy Boyd	Pittsburgh	56	4	14	18	36-	71
Steve Gatzos	Pittsburgh	44	6	7	13	16-	52
Kevin McClelland	Pittsburgh	38	5	4	9	18-	73
Gary Rissling	Pittsburgh	40	5	4	9	17-	128
Marc Chorney	Pittsburgh	67	3	5	8	30-	66
Ron Meighan	Pittsburgh	41	2	6	8	10-	16
Tony Feltrin	Pittsburgh	32	3	3	6	11-	40
Pat Graham	Pittsburgh	20	1	5	6	6-	16
Tim Hrynewich	Pittsburgh	30	2	3	5	6-	48
Doug Lecuyer	Pittsburgh	12	1	4	5	2-	12
Rick MacLeish	Pittsburgh	6	0	5	5	5-	2
Rod Buskas	Pittsburgh	41	2	2	4	15-	102
Stan Jonathan	Boston	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Pittsburgh	19	0	3	3	8-	13
	Total	20	0	3	3	8-	13
Jim Hamilton	Pittsburgh	5	0	2	2	2-	2
Michel Dion	Pittsburgh	49	0	2	2	0	8
Bobby Simpson	Pittsburgh	4	1	0	1	1-	0
Denis Herron	Pittsburgh	31	0	1	1	0	14
Rob Garner	Pittsburgh	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Lundberg	Pittsburgh	1	0	0	0	1-	2
Nick Ricci	Pittsburgh	3	0	0	0	0	0
Roberto Romano	Pittsburgh	3	0	0	0	0	0
Rich Sutter	Pittsburgh	4	0	0	0	2-	0
Bennett Wolf	Pittsburgh	5	0	0	0	2-	37
Rod Schutt	Pittsburgh	5	0	0	0	2-	0
Ian Turnbull	Pittsburgh	6	0	0	0	3-	4

QUEBEC NORDIQUES

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Peter Stastny	Quebec	75	47	77	124	29	78
Michel Goulet	Quebec	80	57	48	105	30	51
Anton Stastny	Quebec	79	32	60	92	25	25
Marian Stastny	Quebec	60	36	43	79	20	32
Real Cloutier	Quebec	68	28	39	67	4-	30
Wilf Paiement	Quebec	80	26	38	64	10-	170
Dale Hunter	Quebec	80	17	46	63	10	206
Marc Tardif	Quebec	76	21	31	52	0	34
Alain Cote	Quebec	79	12	28	40	1-	45
Louis Sleighter	Quebec	51	14	10	24	8	49
Dave Pichette	Quebec	53	3	21	24	9	49
Jacques Richard	Quebec	35	9	14	23	0	6
N. Rochefort	Quebec	62	6	17	23	11	40
Pierre Aubry	Quebec	77	7	9	16	6-	48
Wally Weir	Quebec	58	5	11	16	11	135
Andre Dupont	Quebec	46	3	12	15	11	69
Pat Price	Pittsburgh	38	1	11	12	19-	104
	Quebec	14	1	2	3	3-	28
	Total	52	2	13	15	22-	132
Mario Marois	Quebec	36	2	12	14	5	108
Randy Moller	Quebec	75	2	12	14	11	145
Blake Wesley	Hartford	22	0	1	1	17-	46
	Quebec	52	4	8	12	4-	84
	Total	74	4	9	13	21-	130
Rick Lapointe	Quebec	43	2	9	11	14	59
Jean Hamel	Quebec	51	2	7	9	11	38
Tim Tookey	Quebec	12	1	6	7	2	4
Richard David	Quebec	16	3	3	6	2-	4
Anders Eldebrink	Vancouver	5	1	1	2	1-	0
	Quebec	12	1	2	3	1-	8
	Total	17	2	3	5	2-	8
Dan Bouchard	Quebec	50	0	4	4	0	8
Basil McRae	Quebec	22	1	1	2	1-	59
Paul Gillis	Quebec	7	0	2	2	1-	2
Dennis Sobchuk	Quebec	2	1	0	1	1	2
Jean Gaulin	Quebec	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Eagles	Quebec	2	0	0	0	1-	2
David Shaw	Quebec	2	0	0	0	1-	0
Terry Johnson	Quebec	3	0	0	0	0	2
Gaston Therrien	Quebec	5	0	0	0	4-	4
Michel Bolduc	Quebec	7	0	0	0	2	6
Clint Malarchuk	Quebec	15	0	0	0	0	0

ST. LOUIS BLUES

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Bernie Federko	St. Louis	75	24	60	84	10-	24
Brian Sutter	St. Louis	79	46	30	76	1-	254
Jorgen Pettersson	St. Louis	74	35	38	73	10-	4
Blake Dunlop	St. Louis	78	22	44	66	6-	14
Rob Ramage	St. Louis	78	16	35	51	9-	193
Perry Turnbull	St. Louis	79	32	15	47	20-	172
Joe Mullen	St. Louis	49	17	30	47	5-	6
Wayne Babych	St. Louis	71	16	23	39	24-	62
Alain Lemieux	St. Louis	42	9	25	34	10-	18
Andre Dore	Rangers	39	3	12	15	17	39
	St. Louis	38	2	15	17	9	25
	Total	77	5	27	32	26	64
Guy Lapointe	St. Louis	54	3	23	26	12-	43
Mike Zuke	St. Louis	43	8	16	24	3-	14
J. Brownschidle	St. Louis	72	1	22	23	3-	30
Larry Patey	St. Louis	67	9	12	21	6-	80
Mark Reeds	St. Louis	20	5	14	19	8	6
Blair Chapman	St. Louis	39	7	11	18	8-	10
Mike Crombeen	St. Louis	80	6	11	17	5-	20
Tim Bothwell	St. Louis	61	4	11	15	8-	34
Bobby Crawford	St. Louis	27	5	9	14	5-	2
Rik Wilson	St. Louis	56	3	11	14	10-	50
Jack Carlson	St. Louis	54	6	1	7	3-	58
Perry Anderson	St. Louis	18	5	2	7	5-	14
Ed Kea	St. Louis	46	0	5	5	7-	24
Alain Vigneault	St. Louis	28	1	3	4	4-	39
Jim Pavese	St. Louis	24	0	2	2	11-	45
Ralph Klassen	St. Louis	29	0	2	2	3-	6
Curt Brackenbury	St. Louis	6	1	0	1	8-	6
Pat Hickey	St. Louis	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rob Tudor	St. Louis	2	0	0	0	0	0
Rick Heinz	St. Louis	9	0	0	0	0	2
Bill Stewart	St. Louis	7	0	0	0	1-	8
Gerry Hart	St. Louis	8	0	0	0	3-	8
Mike Liut	St. Louis	68	0	0	0	0	2

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
John Anderson	Toronto	80	31	49	80	6-	24
Rick Vaive	Toronto	78	51	28	79	13-	105
Peter Ihnacak	Toronto	80	28	38	66	6	44
Walt Poddubny	Toronto	72	28	31	59	9	71
Miroslav Frycer	Toronto	67	25	30	55	2	90
Dan Daoust	Montreal	4	0	1	1	2-	4
	Toronto	48	18	33	51	1-	31
	Total	52	18	34	52	3-	35
Borje Salming	Toronto	69	7	38	45	3-	104
Bill Derlago	Toronto	58	13	24	37	19-	27
Gaston Gingras	Montreal	22	1	8	9	10	8
	Toronto	45	10	18	28	7	10
	Total	67	11	26	37	17	18
Greg Terrion	Toronto	74	16	16	32	3-	59
Bill Harris	Toronto	76	11	19	30	15-	26
Jim Korn	Toronto	80	8	21	29	27-	238
Dave Farrish	Toronto	56	4	24	28	1	38
Terry Martin	Toronto	76	14	13	27	30-	28
Jim Benning	Toronto	74	5	17	22	8-	47
Frank Nigro	Toronto	51	6	15	21	1-	23
Mike Kaszycki	Toronto	22	1	13	14	0	10
Stewart Gavin	Toronto	63	6	5	11	7-	44
Slava Duris	Toronto	32	2	8	10	3	12
Barry Melrose	Toronto	52	2	5	7	16-	68
Normand Aubin	Toronto	26	4	1	5	9-	8
Fred Boimistruck	Toronto	26	2	3	5	3-	13
Russ Adam	Toronto	8	1	2	3	3-	11
Gary Nylund	Toronto	16	0	3	3	0	16
Mike Palmateer	Toronto	53	0	3	3	0	17
Serge Boisvert	Toronto	17	0	2	2	10-	4
Dave Shand	Toronto	1	0	1	1	2	2
Craig Muni	Toronto	2	0	1	1	3-	0
Marc Magnan	Toronto	4	0	1	1	0	5
Reid Bailey	Toronto	1	0	0	0	2-	2
Bob Parent	Toronto	1	0	0	0	0	0
Vincent Tremblay	Toronto	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rod Willard	Toronto	1	0	0	0	1-	0
Ken Strong	Toronto	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gary Yaremchuk	Toronto	3	0	0	0	1-	2

Leigh Verstraete	Toronto	3	0	0	0	0	5
Rocky Saganiuk	Toronto	3	0	0	0	3-	2
Paul Higgins	Toronto	22	0	0	0	2-	135
Bob McGill	Toronto	30	0	0	0	24-	146
Rick St. Croix	Philadelphia	16	0	0	0	0	0
	Toronto	17	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	33	0	0	0	0	0

VANCOUVER CANUCKS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+/-	PM
Stan Smyl	Vancouver	74	38	50	88	6-	114
Thomas Gradin	Vancouver	80	32	54	86	17-	61
Darcy Rota	Vancouver	73	42	39	81	13	88
Ivan Hlinka	Vancouver	65	19	44	63	3-	12
Doug Halward	Vancouver	75	19	33	52	18-	83
Rick Lanz	Vancouver	74	10	38	48	5-	46
P. Sundstrom	Vancouver	74	23	23	46	20-	30
Kevin McCarthy	Vancouver	74	12	28	40	1-	88
Lars Molin	Vancouver	58	12	27	39	20-	23
Jiri Bubla	Vancouver	72	2	28	30	9-	59
Gary Lupul	Vancouver	40	18	10	28	1	46
Jim Nill	Vancouver	65	7	15	22	18-	136
Dave Williams	Vancouver	68	8	13	21	7-	265
Moe Lemay	Vancouver	44	11	9	20	6-	41
Lars Lindgren	Vancouver	64	6	14	20	3	48
Tony Tanti	Chicago	1	1	0	1	0	0
	Vancouver	39	8	8	16	9-	16
	Total	40	9	8	17	9-	16
Garth Butcher	Vancouver	55	1	13	14	7-	104
Ron Delorme	Vancouver	56	5	8	13	6-	87
Mark Kirton	Detroit	10	1	1	2	1-	6
	Vancouver	31	4	6	10	5	4
	Total	41	5	7	12	4	10
Harold Snepsts	Vancouver	46	2	8	10	17-	80
Marc Crawford	Vancouver	41	4	5	9	3-	28
Blair MacDonald	Vancouver	17	3	4	7	1-	2
Neil Belland	Vancouver	14	2	4	6	4-	4
Gerry Minor	Vancouver	39	1	5	6	6-	57
Stuart Kulak	Vancouver	4	1	1	2	1-	0
Tony Currie	Vancouver	8	1	1	2	3-	0

John Garrett	Quebec	17	0	1	1	0	2
	Vancouver	17	0	1	1	0	0
	Total	34	0	2	2	0	2
Richard Brodeur	Vancouver	58	0	1	1	0	2
Frank Caprice	Vancouver	1	0	0	0	0	0
Michel Petit	Vancouver	2	0	0	0	4-	0
Ken Ellacott	Vancouver	12	0	0	0	0	0

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+ / -	PM
Dennis Maruk	Washington	80	31	50	81	20-	71
Mike Gartner	Washington	73	38	38	76	2-	54
Bobby Carpenter	Washington	80	32	37	69	0	64
Bengt Gustafsson	Washington	67	22	42	64	9	16
Alan Haworth	Washington	74	23	27	50	5-	34
Milan Novy	Washington	73	18	30	48	1	16
Craig Laughlin	Washington	75	17	27	44	7-	41
Bob Gould	Washington	80	22	18	40	16	43
Ken Houston	Washington	71	25	14	39	7-	93
Glen Currie	Washington	68	11	28	39	18	20
Gaetan Duchesne	Washington	77	18	19	37	15	52
Greg Theberge	Washington	70	8	28	36	3-	20
Rod Langway	Washington	80	3	29	32	0	75
Doug Jarvis	Washington	80	8	22	30	11-	10
Brian Engblom	Washington	73	5	22	27	3-	59
Scott Stevens	Washington	77	9	16	25	15	195
Timo Blomqvist	Washington	61	1	17	18	15	67
Chris Valentine	Washington	23	7	10	17	2-	14
Ted Bulley	Washington	39	4	9	13	3-	47
Darren Veitch	Washington	10	0	8	8	1-	0
Randy Holt	Washington	70	0	8	8	7-	275
Paul MacKinnon	Washington	19	2	2	4	1	8
Torrie Robertson	Washington	5	2	0	2	2-	4
Lee Norwood	Washington	8	0	1	1	3-	14
Eric Calder	Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbie Moore	Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Parro	Washington	6	0	0	0	0	0
Doug Hicks	Washington	6	0	0	0	3-	7
Pat Riffin	Washington	38	0	0	0	0	4
Al Jensen	Washington	40	0	0	0	0	6

WINNIPEG JETS

		GP	G	A	Pts.	+ / -	PM
Dale Hawerchuk	Winnipeg	79	40	51	91	17-	31
Paul Maclean	Winnipeg	80	32	44	76	5-	121
Dave Babych	Winnipeg	79	13	61	74	10-	56
Thomas Steen	Winnipeg	75	26	33	59	6-	60
Lucien DeBlois	Winnipeg	79	27	27	54	25-	69
Brian Mullen	Winnipeg	80	24	26	50	11	14
Dave Christian	Winnipeg	55	18	26	44	5-	23
Doug Smail	Winnipeg	80	15	29	44	0	32
Morris Lukowich	Winnipeg	69	22	21	43	28-	67
Bengt Lundholm	Winnipeg	58	14	28	42	10	16
Laurie Boschman	Edmonton	62	8	12	20	3	183
	Winnipeg	12	3	5	8	3	33
	Total	74	11	17	28	6	216
Normand Dupont	Winnipeg	39	7	16	23	16-	6
Tim Watters	Winnipeg	77	5	18	23	10-	98
Bryan Maxwell	Winnipeg	54	7	13	20	6	131
Serge Savard	Winnipeg	76	4	16	20	24-	29
Scott Arniel	Winnipeg	75	13	5	18	16-	46
Don Spring	Winnipeg	80	0	16	16	0	37
Ron Wilson	Winnipeg	12	6	3	9	7	4
Craig Levie	Winnipeg	22	4	5	9	3-	31
Moe Mantha	Winnipeg	21	2	7	9	0	6
Murray Eaves	Winnipeg	26	2	7	9	5-	2
Larry Hopkins	Winnipeg	12	3	1	4	5	4
Wade Campbell	Winnipeg	42	1	2	3	12-	50
Ed Staniowski	Winnipeg	17	0	1	1	0	0
Brian Hayward	Winnipeg	24	0	1	1	0	0
Jimmy Mann	Winnipeg	40	0	1	1	7-	73
Doug Soetaert	Winnipeg	44	0	1	1	0	10
Jim Kyte	Winnipeg	2	0	0	0	1-	0
Tim Trimper	Winnipeg	5	0	0	0	2-	0

GOALTENDERS' RECORDS

Legend: GPI — games played in; Min. — minutes played;
 Avg. — average goals against per 60 minutes;
 W — wins; L — losses; T — ties (goalie on duty
 when winning or tying goal scored); SO — shut-
 outs; GA — goals against; SA — shots against;
 SPCT — save percentage.

Goaltender	Team	GPI	MIN.	AVG.	W	L	T	SO	GA	SA	SPCT
Roland Melanson	NY Islanders	44	2460	2.66	24	12	5	1	109	1206	.909
Billy Smith	NY Islanders	41	2340	2.87	18	14	7	1	112	1195	.906
	Team Totals	80	4800	2.83	42	26	12	2	226	2401	.906
Pete Peeters	Boston	62	3611	2.36	40	11	9	8	142	1482	.904
Marco Baron	Boston	9	516	3.84	6	3	0	0	33	233	.858
Mike Moffat	Boston	13	673	4.37	4	6	1	0	49	271	.819
	Team Totals	80	4800	2.85	50	20	10	8	228	1986	.885
Bob Froese	Philadelphia	24	1406	2.52	17	4	2	4	59	569	.896
Pelle Lindbergh	Philadelphia	40	2334	2.98	23	13	3	3	116	1060	.890
Rick St. Croix	Philadelphia	16	940	3.45	9	5	2	0	54	432	.875
Michel Larocque	Philadelphia	2	120	4.00	0	1	1	0	8	56	.857
	Team Totals	80	4800	3.00	49	23	8	7	240	2117	.887
Murray Bannerman	Chicago	41	2460	3.10	24	12	5	4	127	1283	.901
Tony Esposito	Chicago	39	2340	3.46	23	11	5	1	135	1203	.887
	Team Totals	80	4800	3.35	47	23	10	5	268	2486	.892
Robbie Moore	Washington	1	20	3.00	0	1	0	0	1	8	.857
Pat Riffin	Washington	38	2161	3.36	17	9	9	0	121	1015	.880
Al Jensen	Washington	40	2358	3.44	21	12	6	1	135	1140	.881
Dave Parro	Washington	6	261	4.37	1	3	1	0	19	127	.849
	Team Totals	80	4800	3.54	39	25	16	1	283	2290	.876
Bob Sauve	Buffalo	54	3110	3.45	25	20	7	1	179	1393	.871
Jacques Cloutier	Buffalo	25	1390	3.50	10	7	6	0	81	572	.858
Phil Myre	Buffalo	5	300	4.20	3	2	0	0	21	152	.861
	Team Totals	80	4800	3.56	38	29	13	1	285	2117	.865
Richard Sevigny	Montreal	38	2130	3.44	15	11	8	1	122	1045	.883
Rick Wamsley	Montreal	46	2583	3.51	27	12	5	0	151	1240	.878
Mark Holden	Montreal	2	87	4.14	0	1	1	0	6	42	.857
	Team Totals	80	4800	3.58	42	24	14	1	286	2327	.877
John Davidson	NY Rangers	2	120	2.50	1	1	0	0	5	55	.909
Steve Baker	NY Rangers	3	102	2.94	0	1	0	0	5	44	.881
Glen Hanlon	NY Rangers	21	1173	3.43	9	10	1	0	67	635	.894
Ed Mio	NY Rangers	41	2365	3.45	16	18	6	2	136	1159	.882
Steve Weeks	NY Rangers	18	1040	3.92	9	5	3	0	68	491	.862
	Team Totals	80	4800	3.59	35	35	10	2	287	2384	.880

Goaltender	Team	GPI	MIN.	AVG.	W	L	T	SO	GA	SA	SPCT
Gilles Meloche	Minnesota	47	2689	3.57	20	13	11	1	160	1411	.886
Don Beaupre	Minnesota	36	2011	3.58	19	10	5	0	120	1048	.885
Markus Mattsson	Minnesota	2	100	3.60	1	1	0	1	6	70	.914
Team Totals		80	4800	3.63	40	24	16	2	290	2529	.885
John Garrett	Vancouver	17	934	3.08	7	6	3	1	48	506	.905
Richard Brodeur	Vancouver	58	3291	3.79	21	26	8	0	208	1641	.873
Ken Ellacott	Vancouver	12	555	4.43	2	3	4	0	41	309	.867
Frank Caprice	Vancouver	1	20	9.00	0	0	0	0	3	8	.625
Team Totals		80	4800	3.86	30	35	15	1	309	2464	.875
L. Middlebrook	Edmonton	1	60	3.00	1	0	0	0	3	33	.909
Andy Moog	Edmonton	50	2833	3.54	33	8	7	1	167	1531	.891
Grant Fuhr	Edmonton	32	1803	4.29	13	12	5	0	129	974	.867
Ron Low	Edmonton	3	104	5.77	0	1	0	0	10	55	.815
Team Totals		80	4800	3.94	47	21	12	1	315	2593	.879
Mike Liut	St. Louis	68	3794	3.72	21	27	13	1	235	1922	.877
Rick Heinz	St. Louis	9	335	4.30	1	5	1	1	24	158	.847
Glen Hanlon	St. Louis	14	671	4.47	3	8	1	0	50	414	.879
Team Totals		80	4800	3.95	25	40	15	2	316	2494	.873
Rejean Lemelin	Calgary	39	2211	3.61	16	12	8	0	133	1192	.888
Don Edwards	Calgary	39	2209	4.02	16	15	6	1	148	1255	.882
Tim Bernhardt	Calgary	6	280	4.50	0	5	0	0	21	147	.857
Mike Vernon	Calgary	2	100	6.60	0	2	0	0	11	46	.761
Team Totals		80	4800	3.96	32	34	14	1	317	2640	.880
Vincent Tremblay	Toronto	1	40	3.00	0	0	0	0	2	27	.926
Bob Parent	Toronto	1	40	3.00	0	0	0	0	2	22	.909
Rick St. Croix	Toronto	17	920	3.78	4	9	2	0	58	508	.886
Mike Palmateer	Toronto	53	2965	3.99	21	23	7	0	197	1534	.871
Michel Larocque	Toronto	16	835	4.89	3	8	3	0	68	454	.850
Team Totals		80	4800	4.13	28	40	12	0	330	2545	.870
Brian Hayward	Winnipeg	24	1440	3.71	10	12	2	1	89	786	.887
Doug Soetaert	Winnipeg	44	2533	4.12	19	19	6	0	174	1328	.869
Ed Staniowski	Winnipeg	17	827	4.72	4	8	0	1	65	417	.843
Team Totals		80	4800	4.16	33	39	8	2	333	2531	.868
Dan Bouchard	Quebec	50	2947	4.01	20	21	8	1	197	1579	.875
John Garrett	Quebec	17	953	4.03	6	8	2	0	64	507	.873
Clint Malarchuk	Quebec	15	900	4.73	8	5	2	0	71	517	.863
Team Totals		80	4800	4.20	34	34	12	1	336	2603	.871
Glenn Resch	New Jersey	65	3650	3.98	15	35	12	0	242	1933	.875
Ron Low	New Jersey	11	608	4.05	2	7	1	0	41	344	.880
L. Middlebrook	New Jersey	9	412	5.39	0	6	1	0	37	220	.832
Shawn Mackenzie	New Jersey	6	130	6.92	0	1	0	0	15	68	.779
Team Totals		80	4800	4.23	17	49	14	0	338	2565	.868
Corrado Micallef	Detroit	34	1756	3.62	11	13	5	2	106	766	.861
Gilles Gilbert	Detroit	20	1137	4.49	4	14	1	0	85	565	.850
Greg Stefan	Detroit	35	1847	4.52	6	16	9	0	139	947	.853
Jim Rutherford	Detroit	1	60	7.00	0	1	0	0	7	39	.821
Team Totals		80	4800	4.30	21	44	15	2	344	2317	.852

Goaltenders	Team	GPI	Min.	GA	EN	SO	Avg.	W	L	T
Mike Blake	Los Angeles	9	432	4.17	4	4	0 0	30	211	.857
Markus Mattsson	Los Angeles	19	899	4.34	5	5	4 1	65	454	.857
Gary Laskoski	Los Angeles	46	2277	4.56	15	20	4 0	173	1212	.857
Mario Lessard	Los Angeles	19	888	4.59	3	10	2 1	68	432	.843
Doug Keans	Los Angeles	6	304	4.74	0	2	2 0	24	138	.826
	Team Totals	80	4800	4.56	27	41	12 2	365	2447	.851
Michel Dion	Pittsburgh	49	2791	4.26	12	30	4 0	198	1511	.868
Denis Herron	Pittsburgh	31	1707	5.31	5	18	5 1	151	931	.838
Nick Ricci	Pittsburgh	3	147	6.53	1	2	0 0	16	77	.789
Roberto Romano	Pittsburgh	3	155	6.97	0	3	0 0	18	96	.813
	Team Totals	80	4800	4.93	18	53	9 1	394	2615	.849
Greg Millen	Hartford	60	3520	4.81	14	38	6 1	282	2056	.863
Mike Veisor	Hartford	23	1280	5.53	5	16	1 1	118	815	.855
	Team Totals	80	4800	5.04	19	54	7 2	403	2871	.860

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TEAM PENALTIES

	GP	Min.	BM	Avg.
Buffalo	80	1031	34	12.9
Detroit	80	1064	12	13.3
Winnipeg	80	1089	18	13.6
NY Rangers	80	1100	18	13.8
Montreal	80	1116	10	14.0
Calgary	80	1146	10	14.3
Chicago	80	1185	10	14.8
Boston	80	1202	18	15.0
NY Islanders	80	1266	2	15.8
New Jersey	80	1270	14	15.9
St. Louis	80	1281	12	16.0
Washington	80	1329	20	16.6
Philadelphia	80	1337	10	16.7
Los Angeles	80	1367	20	17.1
Hartford	80	1392	28	17.4
Toronto	80	1481	16	18.5
Minnesota	80	1520	16	19.0
Vancouver	80	1639	4	20.5
Quebec	80	1648	10	20.6
Edmonton	80	1771	28	22.1
Pittsburgh	80	1859	20	23.2
NHL Total	840	28093	330	33.4

Legend: GP — games played; Min. — total penalty minutes; BM — bench minor penalties; Avg. — average penalty minutes per game.

WHAT PENALTIES MEANT

PENALTY KILLING

	GP	TSH	PPGA	Pct.
NYI	80	331	55	83.4
BUF	80	274	48	82.5
PHI	80	339	61	82.0
WSH	80	288	53	81.6
STL	80	336	63	81.3
VAN	80	292	56	80.8
MIN	80	347	67	80.7
BOS	80	275	53	80.7
EDM	80	396	89	77.5
CGY	80	258	59	77.1
CHI	80	304	71	76.6
HFD	80	293	70	76.1
NYR	80	312	75	76.0
TOR	80	332	83	75.0
MTL	80	260	68	73.8
QUE	80	348	92	73.6
N.J.	80	294	78	73.5
WPG	80	246	67	72.8
DET	80	292	80	72.6
PIT	80	396	110	72.2
L.A.	80	296	94	68.2

POWER PLAYS

	GP	ADV	PPGF	Pct.
EDM	80	294	86	29.3
CHI	80	316	86	27.2
VAN	80	333	90	27.0
MIN	80	345	91	26.4
NYI	80	267	69	25.8
CGY	80	273	65	23.8
L.A.	80	340	81	23.8
WPG	80	330	78	23.6
PIT	80	358	81	22.6
NYR	80	317	71	22.4
TOR	80	355	79	22.3
MTL	80	288	64	22.2
BOS	80	302	67	22.2
N.J.	80	302	66	21.9
PHI	80	278	60	21.6
BUF	80	311	67	21.5
STL	80	316	67	21.2
WSH	80	358	75	20.9
QUE	80	294	61	20.7
HFD	80	264	51	19.3
DET	80	268	37	13.8

Legend: GP — games played; TSH — times shorthanded; PPGA — power play goals against; Pct. — percentage.

GP — games played; ADV — total advantages; PPGF — power play goals for; Pct. — percentage.

THE STANLEY CUP

Emblematic of the world professional championship. Now awarded annually to the team winning the National Hockey League's final playoff round, matching the winners of the Clarence Campbell and Prince of Wales conferences.

1982-83 — New York Islanders	1949-50 — Detroit Red Wings
1981-82 — New York Islanders	1948-49 — Toronto Maple Leafs
1980-81 — New York Islanders	1947-48 — Toronto Maple Leafs
1979-80 — New York Islanders	1946-47 — Toronto Maple Leafs
1978-79 — Montreal Canadiens	1945-46 — Montreal Canadiens
1977-78 — Montreal Canadiens	1944-45 — Toronto Maple Leafs
1976-77 — Montreal Canadiens	1943-44 — Montreal Canadiens
1975-76 — Montreal Canadiens	1942-43 — Detroit Red Wings
1974-75 — Philadelphia Flyers	1941-42 — Toronto Maple Leafs
1973-74 — Philadelphia Flyers	1940-41 — Boston Bruins
1972-73 — Montreal Canadiens	1939-40 — New York Rangers
1971-72 — Boston Bruins	1938-39 — Boston Bruins
1970-71 — Montreal Canadiens	1937-38 — Chicago Black Hawks
1969-70 — Boston Bruins	1936-37 — Detroit Red Wings
1968-69 — Montreal Canadiens	1935-36 — Detroit Red Wings
1967-68 — Montreal Canadiens	1934-35 — Montreal Maroons
1966-67 — Toronto Maple Leafs	1933-34 — Chicago Black Hawks
1965-66 — Montreal Canadiens	1932-33 — New York Rangers
1964-65 — Montreal Canadiens	1931-32 — Toronto Maple Leafs
1963-64 — Toronto Maple Leafs	1930-31 — Montreal Canadiens
1962-63 — Toronto Maple Leafs	1929-30 — Montreal Canadiens
1961-62 — Toronto Maple Leafs	1928-29 — Boston Bruins
1960-61 — Chicago Black Hawks	1927-28 — New York Rangers
1959-60 — Montreal Canadiens	1926-27 — Ottawa Senators
1958-59 — Montreal Canadiens	1925-26 — Montreal Maroons
1957-58 — Montreal Canadiens	1924-25 — Victoria Cougars
1956-57 — Montreal Canadiens	1923-24 — Montreal Canadiens
1955-56 — Montreal Canadiens	1922-23 — Ottawa Senators
1954-55 — Detroit Red Wings	1921-22 — Toronto St. Pats
1953-54 — Detroit Red Wings	1920-21 — Ottawa Senators
1952-53 — Montreal Canadiens	1919-20 — Ottawa Senators
1951-52 — Detroit Red Wings	1918-19 — No decision
1950-51 — Toronto Maple Leafs	

NOTE: In the spring of 1919, the Montreal Canadiens went west to play Seattle for the Stanley Cup. After five games, with the playoff tied at two victories apiece and one draw, the series was cancelled because of a flu epidemic.

1917-18 — Toronto Arenas	1906-07 — Montreal Wanderers
1916-17 — Seattle Metropolitans	(March)
1915-16 — Montreal Canadiens	1906-07 — Kenora Thistles
1914-15 — Vancouver	(January)
Millionaires	1905-06 — Montreal Wanderers
1913-14 — Toronto Blueshirts	1904-05 — Ottawa Silver Seven
1911-12 — Quebec Bulldogs	1903-04 — Ottawa Silver Seven
1910-11 — Ottawa Senators	1902-03 — Ottawa Silver Seven
1909-10 — Montreal Wanderers	1901-02 — Montreal A.A.A.
1908-09 — Ottawa Senators	1900-01 — Winnipeg Victorias
1907-08 — Montreal Wanderers	1899-1900 — Montreal Shamrocks

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS, 1983

FINAL ROUND

May 10 at Edmonton: NY Islanders 2 Edmonton 0
 May 12 at Edmonton: NY Islanders 6 Edmonton 3
 May 14 at Uniondale: NY Islanders 5 Edmonton 1
 May 17 at Uniondale: NY Islanders 4 Edmonton 2
 NY Islanders win best of seven series, 4-0.

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Final

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Edmonton	4	4	0	25	11	8
Chicago	4	0	4	11	25	0

Norris Division Final

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Chicago	5	4	1	22	16	8
Minnesota	5	1	4	16	22	2

Semi-finals

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Chicago	4	3	1	16	10	6
St. Louis	4	1	3	10	16	2
Minnesota	4	3	1	18	18	6
Toronto	4	1	3	18	18	2

Smythe Division Final

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Edmonton	5	4	1	35	13	8
Calgary	5	1	4	13	35	2

Semi-finals

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Edmonton	3	3	0	14	9	6
Winnipeg	3	0	3	9	14	0
Calgary	4	3	1	17	14	6
Vancouver	4	1	3	14	17	2

WALES CONFERENCE

Final

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
NY Islanders	6	4	2	30	21	8
Boston	6	2	4	21	30	4

Adams Division Final

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Boston	7	4	3	33	23	8
Buffalo	7	3	4	23	33	6

Semi-finals

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Boston	4	3	1	11	8	6
Quebec	4	1	3	8	11	2
Buffalo	3	3	0	8	2	6
Montreal	3	0	3	2	8	0

Patrick Division Final

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
NY Islanders	6	4	2	28	15	8
NY Rangers	6	2	4	15	28	4

Semi-finals

	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
NY Rangers	3	3	0	18	9	6
Philadelphia	3	0	3	9	18	0
NY Islanders	4	3	1	19	11	6
Washington	4	1	3	11	19	2

INDIVIDUAL PLAYOFF SCORING

	GP	G	A	Pts.
Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton	16	12	26	38
Rick Middleton, Boston	17	11	22	33
Barry Pederson, Boston	17	14	18	32
Bob Bourne, Islanders	20	8	20	28
Mike Bossy, Islanders	19	17	9	26
Jari Kurri, Edmonton	16	8	15	23
Ray Bourque, Boston	17	8	15	23
Mark Messier, Edmonton	15	15	6	21
Brent Sutter, Islanders	20	10	11	21
Duane Sutter, Islanders	20	9	12	21
Glenn Anderson, Edmonton	16	10	10	20
Bryan Trottier, Islanders	17	8	12	20
Denis Potvin, Islanders	20	8	12	20

HART MEMORIAL TROPHY

Given annually to the National Hockey League player voted most valuable to his team.

- 1982-83 — Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton
- 1981-82 — Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton
- 1980-81 — Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton
- 1979-80 — Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton
- 1978-79 — Bryan Trottier, N.Y. Islanders
- 1977-78 — Guy Lafleur, Montreal
- 1976-77 — Guy Lafleur, Montreal
- 1975-76 — Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia
- 1974-75 — Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia
- 1973-74 — Phil Esposito, Boston
- 1972-73 — Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia
- 1971-72 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1970-71 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1969-70 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1968-69 — Phil Esposito, Boston
- 1967-68 — Stan Mikita, Chicago
- 1966-67 — Stan Mikita, Chicago

- 1965-66 — Bobby Hull, Chicago
1964-65 — Bobby Hull, Chicago
1963-64 — Jean Beliveau, Montreal
1962-63 — Gordie Howe, Detroit
1961-62 — Jacques Plante, Montreal
1960-61 — Bernie Geoffrion, Montreal
1959-60 — Gordie Howe, Detroit
1958-59 — Andy Bathgate, New York Rangers
1957-58 — Gordie Howe, Detroit
1956-57 — Gordie Howe, Detroit
1955-56 — Jean Beliveau, Montreal
1954-55 — Ted Kennedy, Toronto
1953-54 — Al Rollins, Chicago
1952-53 — Gordie Howe, Detroit
1951-52 — Gordie Howe, Detroit
1950-51 — Milt Schmidt, Boston
1949-50 — Chuck Rayner, New York Rangers
1948-49 — Sid Abel, Detroit
1947-48 — Buddy O'Connor, N.Y. Rangers
1946-47 — Maurice Richard, Montreal
1945-46 — Max Bentley, Chicago
1944-45 — Elmer Lach, Montreal
1943-44 — Babe Pratt, Toronto
1942-43 — Bill Cowley, Boston
1941-42 — Tommy Anderson, N.Y. Americans
1940-41 — Bill Cowley, Boston
1939-40 — Ebbie Goodfellow, Detroit
1938-39 — Toe Blake, Montreal
1937-38 — Eddie Shore, Boston
1936-37 — Babe Siebert, Montreal
1935-36 — Eddie Shore, Boston
1934-35 — Eddie Shore, Boston
1933-34 — Aurel Joliat, Montreal
1932-33 — Eddie Shore, Boston
1931-32 — Howie Morenz, Montreal
1930-31 — Howie Morenz, Montreal
1929-30 — Nels Stewart, Montreal
1928-29 — Roy Worters, N.Y. Americans
1927-28 — Howie Morenz, Montreal

1926-27 — Herb Gardiner, Montreal
 1925-26 — Nels Stewart, Montreal
 1924-25 — Billy Burch, Hamilton
 1923-24 — Frank Nighbor, Ottawa

ART ROSS TROPHY

Awarded annually to the player who leads the National Hockey League in points scored.

		GP	G	A	Pts.
1982-83	Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton	80	71	125	196
1981-82	Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton	80	92	120	212
1980-81	Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton	80	55	109	164
1979-80	Marcel Dionne, Los Angeles	80	53	84	137
1978-79	Bryan Trottier, N.Y. Islanders	76	47	87	134
1977-78	Guy Lafleur, Montreal	78	60	72	132
1976-77	Guy Lafleur, Montreal	80	56	80	136
1975-76	Guy Lafleur, Montreal	80	56	69	125
1974-75	Bobby Orr, Boston	80	46	89	135
1973-74	Phil Esposito, Boston	78	68	77	145
1972-73	Phil Esposito, Boston	78	55	75	130
1971-72	Phil Esposito, Boston	76	66	67	133
1970-71	Phil Esposito, Boston	78	76	76	152
1969-70	Bobby Orr, Boston	76	33	87	120
1968-69	Phil Esposito, Boston	74	49	77	126
1967-68	Stan Mikita, Chicago	72	40	47	87
1966-67	Stan Mikita, Chicago	70	35	62	97
1965-66	Bobby Hull, Chicago	65	54	43	97
1964-65	Stan Mikita, Chicago	70	28	59	87
1963-64	Stan Mikita, Chicago	70	39	50	89
1962-63	Gordie Howe, Detroit	70	38	48	86
1961-62	Bobby Hull, Chicago	70	50	34	84
1960-61	Bernie Geoffrion, Montreal	64	50	45	95
1959-60	Bobby Hull, Chicago	70	39	42	81
1958-59	Dickie Moore, Montreal	70	41	55	96
1957-58	Dickie Moore, Montreal	70	36	48	84
1956-57	Gordie Howe, Detroit	70	44	45	89
1955-56	Jean Beliveau, Montreal	70	47	41	88
1954-55	Bernie Geoffrion, Montreal	70	38	37	75
1953-54	Gordie Howe, Detroit	70	33	48	81
1952-53	Gordie Howe, Detroit	70	49	46	95

1951-52	Gordie Howe, Detroit	70	47	39	86
1950-51	Gordie Howe, Detroit	70	43	43	86
1949-50	Ted Lindsay, Detroit	69	23	55	78
1948-49	Roy Conacher, Chicago	60	26	42	68
1947-48	Elmer Lach, Montreal	60	30	31	61
1946-47	Max Bentley, Chicago	60	29	43	72
1945-46	Max Bentley, Chicago	47	31	30	61
1944-45	Elmer Lach, Montreal	50	26	54	80
1943-44	Herbie Cain, Boston	48	36	46	82
1942-43	Doug Bentley, Chicago	50	33	40	73
1941-42	Bryan Hextall, N.Y. Rangers	48	24	32	56
1940-41	Bill Cowley, Boston	46	17	45	62
1939-40	Milt Schmidt, Boston	48	22	30	52
1938-39	Toe Blake, Mtl. Canadiens	48	24	23	47
1937-38	Gordie Drillon, Toronto	48	26	26	52
1936-37	Dave Schirner, N.Y. Americans	48	21	25	46
1935-36	Dave Schirner, N.Y. Americans	48	19	26	45
1934-35	Charlie Conacher, Toronto	48	36	21	57
1933-34	Charlie Conacher, Toronto	42	32	20	52
1932-33	Bill Cook, N.Y. Rangers	48	28	22	50
1931-32	Harvey Jackson, Toronto	48	28	25	53
1930-31	Howie Morenz, Mtl. Canadiens	39	28	23	51
1929-30	Cooney Weiland, Boston	44	43	30	73
1928-29	Ace Bailey, Toronto	44	22	10	32
1927-28	Howie Morenz, Mtl. Canadiens	43	33	18	51
1926-27	Bill Cook, N.Y. Rangers	44	33	4	37
1925-26	Nels Stewart, Montreal Maroons	36	34	8	42
1924-25	Babe Dye, Toronto	29	38	6	44
1923-24	Cy Denneny, Ottawa	21	22	1	23
1922-23	Babe Dye, Toronto	22	26	11	37
1921-22	Punch Broadbent, Ottawa	24	32	14	46
1920-21	Newsy Lalonde, Mtl. Canadiens	24	33	8	41
1919-20	Joe Malone, Quebec	24	39	6	45
1918-19	Newsy Lalonde, Mtl. Canadiens	17	23	9	32
1917-18	Joe Malone, Mtl. Canadiens	20	44	x	44

x Number of assists not recorded.

LADY BYNG TROPHY

Awarded annually to the National Hockey League player showing the best combination of excellence and sportsmanship.

- 1982-83 — Mike Bossy, N.Y. Islanders
- 1981-82 — Rick Middleton, Boston
- 1980-81 — Rick Kehoe, Pittsburgh
- 1979-80 — Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton
- 1978-79 — Bob MacMillan, Atlanta
- 1977-78 — Butch Goring, L.A. Kings
- 1976-77 — Marcel Dionne, L.A. Kings
- 1975-76 — Jean Ratelle, N.Y. Rangers-Boston
- 1974-75 — Marcel Dionne, Detroit
- 1973-74 — Johnny Bucyk, Boston
- 1972-73 — Gilbert Perreault, Buffalo
- 1971-72 — Jean Ratelle, New York Rangers
- 1970-71 — Johnny Bucyk, Boston
- 1969-70 — Phil Goyette, St. Louis
- 1968-69 — Alex Delvecchio, Detroit
- 1967-68 — Stan Mikita, Chicago
- 1966-67 — Stan Mikita, Chicago
- 1965-66 — Alex Delvecchio, Detroit
- 1964-65 — Bobby Hull, Chicago
- 1963-64 — Ken Wharram, Chicago
- 1962-63 — Dave Keon, Toronto
- 1961-62 — Dave Keon, Toronto
- 1960-61 — Red Kelly, Toronto
- 1959-60 — Don McKenney, Boston
- 1958-59 — Alex Delvecchio, Detroit
- 1957-58 — Camille Henry, New York Rangers
- 1956-57 — Andy Hebenton, New York Rangers
- 1955-56 — Earl Reibel, Detroit
- 1954-55 — Sid Smith, Toronto
- 1953-54 — Red Kelly, Detroit
- 1952-53 — Red Kelly, Detroit
- 1951-52 — Sid Smith, Toronto
- 1950-51 — Red Kelly, Detroit

- 1949-50 — Edgar Laprade, New York Rangers
- 1948-49 — Bill Quackenbush, Detroit
- 1947-48 — Buddy O'Connor, N.Y. Rangers
- 1946-47 — Bobby Bauer, Boston
- 1945-46 — Toe Blake, Montreal
- 1944-45 — Billy Mosienko, Chicago
- 1943-44 — Clint Smith, Chicago
- 1942-43 — Max Bentley, Chicago
- 1941-42 — Syl Apps, Toronto
- 1940-41 — Bobby Bauer, Boston
- 1939-40 — Bobby Bauer, Boston
- 1938-39 — Clint Smith, N.Y. Rangers
- 1937-38 — Gordon Drillon, Toronto
- 1936-37 — Marty Barry, Detroit
- 1935-36 — Doc Rommes, Chicago
- 1934-35 — Frank Boucher, N.Y. Rangers
- 1933-34 — Frank Boucher, N.Y. Rangers
- 1932-33 — Frank Boucher, N.Y. Rangers
- 1931-32 — Joe Primeau, Toronto
- 1930-31 — Frank Boucher, N.Y. Rangers
- 1929-30 — Frank Boucher, N.Y. Rangers
- 1928-29 — Frank Boucher, N.Y. Rangers
- 1927-28 — Frank Boucher, N.Y. Rangers
- 1926-27 — Billy Burch, N.Y. Americans
- 1925-26 — Frank Nighbor, Ottawa
- 1924-25 — Frank Nighbor, Ottawa

WILLIAM JENNINGS TROPHY

Awarded annually to the goalie (or goalies) playing at least 25 games for the team giving up the fewest goals. Prior to 1982, these were the guidelines for the Vezina Trophy.

- 1982-83 — Bill Smith, Roland Melanson, N.Y. Islanders
- 1981-82 — Rick Wamsley, Denis Herron, Montreal
- 1980-81 — Richard Sevigny, Denis Herron, Michel Larocque, Montreal
- 1979-80 — Don Edwards, Bob Sauve, Buffalo

- 1978-79 — Ken Dryden, Michel Larocque, Montreal
 1977-78 — Ken Dryden, Michel Larocque, Montreal
 1976-77 — Ken Dryden, Michel Larocque, Montreal
 1975-76 — Ken Dryden, Montreal
 1974-75 — Bernie Parent, Philadelphia
 1973-74 — Bernie Parent, Philadelphia, Tony Esposito,
 Chicago (tied)
 1972-73 — Ken Dryden, Montreal
 1971-72 — Tony Esposito, Gary Smith, Chicago
 1970-71 — Ed Giacomin, Gilles Villemure, New York
 Rangers
 1969-70 — Tony Esposito, Chicago
 1968-69 — Glenn Hall, Jacques Plante, St. Louis
 1967-68 — Gump Worsley, Rogatien Vachon, Montreal
 1966-67 — Glenn Hall, Denis DeJordy, Chicago
 1965-66 — Gump Worsley, Charlie Hodge, Montreal
 1964-65 — Terry Sawchuk, Johnny Bower, Toronto
 1963-64 — Charlie Hodge, Montreal
 1962-63 — Glenn Hall, Chicago
 1961-62 — Jacques Plante, Montreal
 1960-61 — Johnny Bower, Toronto
 1959-60 — Jacques Plante, Montreal
 1958-59 — Jacques Plante, Montreal
 1957-58 — Jacques Plante, Montreal
 1956-57 — Jacques Plante, Montreal
 1955-56 — Jacques Plante, Montreal
 1954-55 — Terry Sawchuk, Detroit
 1953-54 — Harry Lumley, Toronto
 1952-53 — Terry Sawchuk, Detroit
 1951-52 — Terry Sawchuk, Detroit
 1950-51 — Al Rollins, Toronto
 1949-50 — Bill Durnan, Montreal
 1948-49 — Bill Durnan, Montreal
 1947-48 — Turk Broda, Toronto
 1946-47 — Bill Durnan, Montreal
 1945-46 — Bill Durnan, Montreal
 1944-45 — Bill Durnan, Montreal
 1943-44 — Bill Durnan, Montreal
 1942-43 — Johnny Mowers, Detroit

- 1941-42 — Frank Brimsek, Boston
- 1940-41 — Turk Broda, Toronto
- 1939-40 — Dave Kerr, New York Rangers
- 1938-39 — Frank Brimsek, Boston
- 1937-38 — Tiny Thompson, Boston
- 1936-37 — Normie Smith, Detroit
- 1935-36 — Tiny Thompson, Boston
- 1934-35 — Lorne Chabot, Chicago
- 1933-34 — Charlie Gardiner, Chicago
- 1932-33 — Tiny Thompson, Boston
- 1931-32 — Charlie Gardiner, Chicago
- 1930-31 — Roy Worters, New York Americans
- 1929-30 — Tiny Thompson, Boston
- 1928-29 — George Hainsworth, Montreal
- 1927-28 — George Hainsworth, Montreal
- 1926-27 — George Hainsworth, Montreal

VEZINA TROPHY

Awarded annually, by a vote among National Hockey League general managers, to the most outstanding goaltender.

- 1982-83 — Pete Peeters, Boston
- 1981-82 — Bill Smith, N.Y. Islanders

CALDER TROPHY

Awarded annually to the player adjudged most outstanding in his first National Hockey League season, providing he hasn't played more than 25 games in any previous season, or six or more in any two previous seasons.

- 1983 — Steve Larmer, Chicago
- 1982 — Dale Hawerchuk, Winnipeg
- 1981 — Peter Stastny, Quebec
- 1980 — Ray Bourque, Boston

- 1979 — Bobby Smith, Minnesota
1978 — Mike Bossy, N.Y. Islanders
1977 — Willi Plett, Atlanta
1976 — Bryan Trottier, N.Y. Islanders
1975 — Eric Vail, Atlanta
1974 — Denis Potvin, N.Y. Islanders
1973 — Steve Vickers, N.Y. Rangers
1972 — Ken Dryden, M. Canadiens
1971 — Gilbert Perreault, Buffalo
1970 — Tony Esposito, Chicago
1969 — Danny Grant, Minnesota
1968 — Derek Sanderson, Boston
1967 — Bobby Orr, Boston
1966 — Brit Selby, Toronto
1965 — Roger Crozier, Detroit
1964 — Jacques Laperrière, M. Canadiens
1963 — Kent Douglas, Toronto
1962 — Bobby Rousseau, M. Canadiens
1961 — Dave Keon, Toronto
1960 — Bill Hay, Chicago
1959 — Ralph Backstrom, M. Canadiens
1958 — Frank Mahovlich, Toronto
1957 — Larry Regan, Boston
1956 — Glenn Hall, Detroit
1955 — Ed Litzenberger, Chicago
1954 — Camille Henry, N.Y. Rangers
1953 — Gump Worsley, N.Y. Rangers
1952 — Bernie Geoffrion, M. Canadiens
1951 — Terry Sawchuk, Detroit
1950 — Jack Gelineau, Boston
1949 — Pentti Lund, N.Y. Rangers
1948 — Jim McFadden, Detroit
1947 — Howie Meeker, Toronto
1946 — Edgar Laprade, N.Y. Rangers
1945 — Frank McCool, Toronto
1944 — Gus Bodnar, Toronto
1943 — Gaye Stewart, Toronto
1942 — Grant Warwick, N.Y. Rangers
1941 — Johnny Quilty, M. Canadiens

- 1940 — Kilby MacDonald, N.Y. Rangers
- 1939 — Frank Brimsek, Boston
- 1938 — Cully Dahlstrom, Chicago
- 1937 — Syl Apps, Toronto
- 1936 — Mike Karakas, Chicago
- 1935 — Dave Schrinier, N.Y. Americans
- 1934 — Russ Blinks, Mtl. Maroons
- 1933 — Carl Voss, Detroit

BILL MASTERTON TROPHY

An annual award, under the trusteeship of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association, to the National Hockey League player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey.

- 1982-83 — Lanny McDonald, Calgary
- 1981-82 — Glenn Resch, Colorado
- 1980-81 — Blake Dunlop, St. Louis
- 1979-80 — Al MacAdam, Minnesota
- 1978-79 — Serge Savard, Montreal
- 1977-78 — Butch Goring, Los Angeles
- 1976-77 — Ed Westfall, New York Islanders
- 1975-76 — Rod Gilbert, New York Rangers
- 1974-75 — Don Luce, Buffalo
- 1973-74 — Henri Richard, Montreal
- 1972-73 — Lowell McDonald, Pittsburgh
- 1971-72 — Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia
- 1970-71 — Jean Ratelle, New York Rangers
- 1969-70 — Pit Martin, Chicago
- 1968-69 — Ted Hampson, Oakland
- 1967-68 — Claude Provost, Montreal

JAMES NORRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded annually to the National Hockey League defenceman demonstrating the greatest all-around ability at that position.

- 1982-83 — Rod Langway, Washington
- 1981-82 — Doug Wilson, Chicago
- 1980-81 — Randy Carlyle, Pittsburgh
- 1979-80 — Larry Robinson, Canadiens
- 1978-79 — Denis Potvin, N.Y. Islanders
- 1977-78 — Denis Potvin, N.Y. Islanders
- 1976-77 — Larry Robinson, Canadiens
- 1975-76 — Denis Potvin, N.Y. Islanders
- 1974-75 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1973-74 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1972-73 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1971-72 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1970-71 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1969-70 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1968-69 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1967-68 — Bobby Orr, Boston
- 1966-67 — Harry Howell, New York
- 1965-66 — Jacques Laperrière, Canadiens
- 1964-65 — Pierre Pilote, Chicago
- 1963-64 — Pierre Pilote, Chicago
- 1962-63 — Pierre Pilote, Chicago
- 1961-62 — Doug Harvey, Rangers
- 1960-61 — Doug Harvey, Canadiens
- 1959-60 — Doug Harvey, Canadiens
- 1958-59 — Tom Johnson, Canadiens
- 1957-58 — Doug Harvey, Canadiens
- 1956-57 — Doug Harvey, Canadiens
- 1955-56 — Doug Harvey, Canadiens
- 1954-55 — Doug Harvey, Canadiens
- 1953-54 — Red Kelly, Detroit

JACK ADAMS AWARD

An annual award, presented by the National Hockey League Broadcasters' Association, to the NHL coach adjudged to have contributed the most to his team's success.

- 1982-83 — Orval Tessier, Chicago
- 1981-82 — Tom Watt, Winnipeg
- 1980-81 — Red Berenson, St. Louis
- 1979-80 — Pat Quinn, Philadelphia
- 1978-79 — Al Arbour, N.Y. Islanders
- 1977-78 — Bobby Kromm, Detroit
- 1976-77 — Scotty Bowman, Montreal
- 1975-76 — Don Cherry, Boston
- 1974-75 — Bob Pulford, Los Angeles
- 1973-74 — Fred Shero, Philadelphia

FRANK J. SELKE TROPHY

Awarded annually to the forward line player in the National Hockey League showing the greatest defensive proficiency.

- 1982-83 — Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia
- 1981-82 — Steve Kasper, Boston
- 1980-81 — Bob Gainey, Montreal
- 1979-80 — Bob Gainey, Montreal
- 1978-79 — Bob Gainey, Montreal
- 1977-78 — Bob Gainey, Montreal

CONN SMYTHE TROPHY

An annual award, to the most valuable player for his team in the entire Stanley Cup playoffs.

- 1982-83 — Bill Smith, N.Y. Islanders
- 1981-82 — Mike Bossy, N.Y. Islanders
- 1980-81 — Butch Goring, N.Y. Islanders

1979-80 — Bryan Trottier, N.Y. Islanders
 1978-79 — Bob Gainey, Montreal
 1977-78 — Larry Robinson, Montreal
 1976-77 — Guy Lafleur, Montreal
 1975-76 — Reggie Leach, Philadelphia
 1974-75 — Bernie Parent, Philadelphia
 1973-74 — Bernie Parent, Philadelphia
 1972-73 — Yvan Cournoyer, Montreal
 1971-72 — Bobby Orr, Boston
 1970-71 — Ken Dryden, Montreal
 1969-70 — Bobby Orr, Boston
 1968-69 — Serge Savard, Montreal
 1967-68 — Glenn Hall, St. Louis
 1966-67 — Dave Keon, Toronto
 1965-66 — Roger Crozier, Detroit
 1964-65 — Jean Beliveau, Montreal

THE THOUSAND POINT CLUB

	Yrs.	GP	G	A	Pts.
Gordie Howe	29	1,767	801	1,049	1,850
Phil Esposito	18	1,282	717	873	1,590
Stan Mikita	22	1,394	541	926	1,467
Johnny Bucyk	23	1,540	556	813	1,369
Marcel Dionne	12	937	544	743	1,287
Alex Delvecchio	24	1,549	456	825	1,281
Jean Ratelle	20	1,281	491	776	1,267
Norm Ullman	20	1,410	490	739	1,229
Jean Beliveau	20	1,125	507	712	1,219
Guy Lafleur	12	862	486	685	1,171
Bobby Hull	16	1,063	610	560	1,170
Bobby Clarke	14	1,071	341	809	1,150
Frank Mahovlich	18	1,181	533	570	1,103
Gilbert Perrault	13	948	421	656	1,077
Henri Richard	20	1,256	358	688	1,046
Darryl Sittler	14	959	446	588	1,031
Rod Gilbert	12	1,065	406	615	1,021

NHL ALL-STARS SINCE 1931

1982-83

Goal: Pete Peeters, Boston; Defence: Mark Howe, Philadelphia, and Rod Langway, Washington; Centre: Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton; Left wing: Mark Messier, Edmonton; Right wing: Mike Bossy, Islanders.

1981-82

Goal: Bill Smith, Islanders; Defence: Doug Wilson, Chicago, and Ray Bourque, Boston; Centre: Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton; Left wing: Mark Messier, Edmonton; Right wing: Mike Bossy, Islanders.

1980-81

Goal: Mike Liut, St. Louis; Defence: Denis Potvin, Islanders, and Randy Carlyle, Pittsburgh; Centre: Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton; Left wing: Charlie Simmer, Los Angeles; Right wing: Mike Bossy, Islanders.

1979-80

Goal: Tony Esposito, Chicago; Defence: Larry Robinson, Montreal, and Ray Bourque, Boston; Centre: Marcel Dionne, Los Angeles; Left wing: Charlie Simmer, Los Angeles; Right wing: Guy Lafleur, Montreal.

1978-79

Goal: Ken Dryden, Montreal; Defence: Denis Potvin, Islanders, and Larry Robinson, Montreal; Centre: Bryan Trottier, Islanders; Left wing: Clark Gillies, Islanders; Right wing: Guy Lafleur, Montreal.

1977-78

Goal: Ken Dryden, Montreal; Defence: Denis Potvin, Islanders, and Brad Park, Boston; Centre: Bryan Trottier, Islanders; Left wing: Clark Gillies, Islanders; Right wing: Guy Lafleur, Montreal.

1976-77

Goal: Ken Dryden, Montreal; Defence: Larry Robinson, Montreal, and Borje Salming, Toronto; Centre: Marcel Dionne, Los Angeles; Left wing: Steve Shutt, Montreal; Right wing: Guy Lafleur, Montreal.

1975-76

Goal: Ken Dryden, Montreal; Defence: Denis Potvin, Islanders, and Brad Park, Boston; Centre: Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia; Left wing: Bill Barber, Philadelphia; Right wing: Guy Lafleur, Montreal.

1974-75

Goal: Bernie Parent, Philadelphia; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and Denis Potvin, Islanders; Centre: Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia; Left wing: Richard Martin, Buffalo; Right wing: Guy Lafleur, Montreal.

1973-74

Goal: Bernie Parent, Philadelphia; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and Brad Park, Rangers; Centre: Phil Esposito, Boston; Left wing: Richard Martin, Buffalo; Right wing: Ken Hodge, Boston.

1972-73

Goal: Ken Dryden, Montreal; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and Guy Lapointe, Montreal; Centre: Phil Esposito, Boston; Left wing: Frank Mahovlich, Montreal; Right wing: Mickey Redmond, Detroit.

1971-72

Goal: Tony Esposito, Chicago; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and Brad Park, Rangers; Centre: Phil Esposito, Boston; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Rod Gilbert, Rangers.

1970-71

Goal: Ed Giacomin, Rangers; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and J.C. Tremblay, Montreal; Centre: Phil Esposito, Boston; Left wing: John Bucyk, Boston; Right wing: Ken Hodge, Boston.

1969-70

Goal: Tony Esposito, Chicago; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and Brad Park, Rangers; Centre: Phil Esposito, Boston; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1968-69

Goal: Glenn Hall, St. Louis; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and Tim Horton, Toronto; Centre: Phil Esposito, Boston; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1967-68

Goal: Gump Worsley, Montreal; Defence: Bobby Orr, Boston, and Tim Horton, Toronto; Centre: Stan Mikita, Chicago; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1966-67

Goal: Ed Giacomin, Rangers; Defence: Pierre Pilote, Chicago, and Harry Howell, Rangers; Centre: Stan Mikita, Chicago; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Ken Wharram, Chicago.

1965-66

Goal: Glenn Hall, Chicago; Defence: Jacques Laperrière, Montreal, and Pierre Pilote, Chicago; Centre: Stan Mikita, Chicago; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1964-65

Goal: Roger Crozier, Detroit; Defence: Pierre Pilote, Chicago, and Jacques Laperrière, Montreal; Centre: Norm Ullman, Detroit; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Claude Provost, Montreal.

1963-64

Goal: Glenn Hall, Chicago; Defence: Pierre Pilote, Chicago, and Tim Horton, Toronto; Centre: Stan Mikita, Chicago; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Ken Wharram, Chicago.

1962-63

Goal: Glenn Hall, Chicago; Defence: Pierre Pilote, Chicago, and Carl Brewer, Toronto; Centre: Stan Mikita, Chicago; Left wing: Frank Mahovlich, Toronto; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1961-62

Goal: Jacques Plante, Montreal; Defence: Doug Harvey, Rangers, and Guy Talbot, Montreal; Centre: Stan Mikita, Chicago; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Andy Bathgate, Rangers.

1960-61

Goal: Johnny Bower, Toronto; Defence: Doug Harvey, Montreal, and Marcel Pronovost, Detroit; Centre: Jean Beliveau, Montreal; Left wing: Frank Mahovlich, Toronto; Right wing: Bernie Geoffrion, Montreal.

1959-60

Goal: Glenn Hall, Chicago; Defence: Doug Harvey, Montreal, and Marcel Pronovost, Detroit; Centre: Jean Beliveau, Montreal; Left wing: Bobby Hull, Chicago; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1958-59

Goal: Jacques Plante, Montreal; Defence: Tom Johnson, Montreal, and Bill Gadsby, Rangers; Centre: Jean Beliveau, Montreal; Left wing: Dickie Moore, Montreal; Right wing: Andy Bathgate, Rangers.

1957-58

Goal: Glenn Hall, Chicago; Defence: Doug Harvey, Montreal, and Bill Gadsby, Rangers; Centre: Henri Richard, Montreal; Left wing: Dickie Moore, Montreal; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1956-57

Goal: Glenn Hall, Detroit; Defence: Doug Harvey, Montreal, and Red Kelly, Detroit; Centre: Jean Beliveau, Montreal; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1955-56

Goal: Jacques Plante, Montreal; Defence: Doug Harvey, Montreal, and Bill Gadsby, Rangers; Centre: Jean Beliveau, Montreal; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1954-55

Goal: Harry Lumley, Toronto; Defence: Doug Harvey, Montreal, and Red Kelly, Detroit; Centre: Jean Beliveau, Montreal; Left wing: Sid Smith, Toronto; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1953-54

Goal: Harry Lumley, Toronto; Defence: Red Kelly, Detroit, and Doug Harvey, Montreal; Centre: Ken Mosdell, Montreal; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1952-53

Goal: Terry Sawchuk, Detroit; Defence: Red Kelly, Detroit, and Doug Harvey, Montreal; Centre: Fleming Mackell, Boston; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1951-52

Goal: Terry Sawchuk, Detroit; Defence: Red Kelly, Detroit, and Doug Harvey, Montreal; Centre: Elmer Lach, Montreal; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1950-51

Goal: Terry Sawchuk, Detroit; Defence: Red Kelly, Detroit, and Bill Quackenbush, Boston; Centre: Milt Schmidt, Boston; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Gordie Howe, Detroit.

1949-50

Goal: Bill Durnan, Montreal; Defence: Gus Morton, Toronto, and Ken Reardon, Montreal; Centre: Sid Abel, Detroit; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1948-49

Goal: Bill Durnan, Montreal; Defence: Bill Quackenbush, Detroit, and Jack Stewart, Detroit; Centre: Sid Abel, Detroit; Left wing: Roy Conacher, Chicago; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1947-48

Goal: Turk Broda, Toronto; Defence: Bill Quackenbush, Detroit, and Jack Stewart, Detroit; Centre: Elmer Lach, Montreal; Left wing: Ted Lindsay, Detroit; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1946-47

Goal: Bill Durnan, Montreal; Defence: Ken Reardon, Montreal, and Emile Bouchard, Montreal; Centre: Milt Schmidt, Boston; Left wing: Doug Bentley, Chicago; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1945-46

Goal: Bill Durnan, Montreal; Defence: Johnny Crawford, Boston, and Emile Bouchard, Montreal; Centre: Max Bentley, Chicago; Left wing: Gaye Stewart, Toronto; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1944-45

Goal: Bill Durnan, Montreal; Defence: Emile Bouchard, Montreal, and Flash Hollett, Detroit; Centre: Elmer Lach, Montreal; Left wing: Toe Blake, Montreal; Right wing: Maurice Richard, Montreal.

1943-44

Goal: Bill Durnan, Montreal; Defence: Earl Seibert, Chicago, and Babe Pratt, Toronto; Centre: Bill Cowley, Boston; Left wing: Doug Bentley, Chicago; Right wing: Lorne Carr, Toronto.

1942-43

Goal: Johnny Mowers, Detroit; Defence: Earl Seibert, Chicago, and Jack Stewart, Detroit; Centre: Bill Cowley, Boston; Left wing: Doug Bentley, Chicago; Right wing: Lorne Carr, Toronto.

1941-42

Goal: Frank Brimsek, Boston; Defence: Earl Seibert, Chicago, and Tommy Anderson, Americans; Centre: Syl Apps, Toronto; Left wing: Lynn Patrick, Rangers; Right wing: Bryan Hextall, Rangers.

1940-41

Goal: Turk Broda, Toronto; Defence: Dit Clapper, Boston, and Wally Stanowski, Toronto; Centre: Bill Cowley, Boston; Left wing: Dave Schriner, Toronto; Right wing: Bryan Hextall, Rangers.

1939-40

Goal: Dave Kerr, Rangers; Defence: Dit Clapper, Boston, and Ebbie Goodfellow, Detroit; Centre: Milt Schmidt, Boston; Left wing: Toe Blake, Montreal; Right wing: Bryan Hextall, Rangers.

1938-39

Goal: Frank Brimsek, Boston; Defence: Eddie Shore, Boston, and Dit Clapper, Boston; Centre: Syl Apps, Toronto; Left wing: Toe Blake, Montreal; Right wing: Gordie Drillon, Toronto.

1937-38

Goal: Tiny Thompson, Boston; Defence: Eddie Shore, Boston, and Babe Siebert, Mtl. Canadiens; Centre: Bill Cowley, Boston; Left wing: Paul Thompson, Chicago; Right wing: Cecil Dillon, Rangers and Gordie Drillon, Toronto (tied).

1936-37

Goal: Norm Smith, Detroit; Defence: Babe Siebert, Mtl. Canadiens, and Ebbie Goodfellow, Detroit; Centre: Marty Barry, Detroit; Left wing: Harvey Jackson, Toronto; Right wing: Larry Aurie, Detroit.

1935-36

Goal: Tiny Thompson, Boston; Defence: Eddie Shore, Boston, and Babe Siebert, Boston; Centre: Hooley Smith, Mtl. Maroons; Left wing: Dave Schriner, Americans; Right wing: Charlie Conacher, Toronto.

1934-35

Goal: Lorne Chabot, Chicago; Defence: Eddie Shore, Boston, and Earl Seibert, Rangers; Centre: Frank Boucher, Rangers; Left wing: Harvey Jackson, Toronto; Right wing: Charlie Conacher, Toronto.

1933-34

Goal: Charlie Gardiner, Chicago; Defence: King Clancy, Toronto, and Lionel Conacher, Chicago; Centre: Frank Boucher, Rangers; Left wing: Harvey Jackson, Toronto; Right wing: Charlie Conacher, Toronto.

1932-33

Goal: John Ross Roach, Detroit; Defence: Eddie Shore, Boston, and Ching Johnson, Rangers; Centre: Frank Boucher, Rangers; Left wing: Baldy Northcott, Mtl. Maroons; Right wing: Bill Cook, Rangers.

1931-32

Goal: Charlie Gardiner, Chicago; Defence: Eddie Shore, Boston, and Ching Johnson, Rangers; Centre: Howie Morenz, Mtl. Canadiens; Left wing: Harvey Jackson, Toronto; Right wing: Bill Cook, Rangers.

1930-31

Goal: Charlie Gardiner, Chicago; Defence: King Clancy, Toronto, and Eddie Shore, Boston; Centre: Howie Morenz, Mtl. Canadiens; Left wing: Aurel Joliat, Mtl. Canadiens; Right wing: Bill Cook, Rangers.

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Office: One Civic Center Plaza, Hartford, Conn. 06103

Arena: Hartford Coliseum (14,510)

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Coach: Jack Evans

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Office: 3900 West Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, Ca. 90306

Arena: The Forum (16,005)

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Chief Scout: Ted O'Connor

Coach: Don Perry

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MINNESOTA NORTH STARS

Office: 7901 Cedar Ave. S., Bloomington, Minn. 55420

Arena: Met Center (15,184)

Chairman: George Gund III

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General Manager: Lou Nanne

Assistant General Manager: John Mariucci

Coach: Bill Mahoney

Assistant Coach: Murray Oliver

Chief Scout: Harry Howell

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MONTREAL CANADIENS

Office: 2313 Ste. Catharine St. W., Montreal, Que.
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Arena: The Forum (18,350)

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Director of Personnel: Claude Ruel

Chief Scout: Doug Robinson

Coach: Bob Berry

Assistant Coaches: Jacques Laperriere, Jacques Lemaire

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NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Office: Byrne Meadowlands Arena, Box 504, East Rutherford, N.J. 07073

Arena: Byrne Meadowlands Arena (19,130)

Chairman of the Board: John McMullen

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General Manager, Head Coach: Bill MacMillan

Assistant Coach: Marshall Johnston

Director of Player Development: Bert Marshall

Director of Public Relations: Larry Brooks

NEW YORK ISLANDERS

Office: Nassau Veterans' Coliseum, Uniondale, N.Y.
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Arena: Nassau Veterans' Coliseum (15,000)

Chairman: John Pickett

President, General Manager: Bill Torrey

Coach: Al Arbour

Assistant Coach: Lorne Henning

Chief Scout: Gerry Ehman

Publicity Director: Les Wagner

NEW YORK RANGERS**Office:** 4 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10001**Arena:** Madison Square Garden (17,500)**Garden President:** David (Sonny) Werblin**Ranger President:** John A. Krumpe**Vice-President, General Manager:** Craig Patrick**Head Coach:** Herb Brooks**Assistant Coaches:** Carol Vadnais, Wayne Thomas**Chief Scout:** Danny Summers**Public Relations Director:** John Halligan**PHILADELPHIA FLYERS****Office:** The Spectrum, Pattison Place, Philadelphia, Pa. 19148**Arena:** The Spectrum (17,077)**Executive Chairman:** Ed Snider**President:** Jay Snider**Assistant:** Keith Allen**General Manager, Coach:** Bob McCammon**Assistant General Manager:** Gary Darling**Assistant Coaches:** Bernie Parent, Ted Sitar**Press Relations Director:** Joe Kadlec**PITTSBURGH PENGUINS****Office:** Civic Arena, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219**Arena:** Civic Arena (16,033)**Executive Chairman:** Edward J. DeBartolo, Sr.**President, Chairman:** Vincent Bartimo**Vice-President:** Paul Martha**General Manager:** Ed Johnston**Coach:** Lou Angotti**Director of Personnel:** Ken Schinkel**Director of Media Relations:** Terry Schiffauer

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Office: Colisee du Quebec, 2205 Avenue du Colisee,
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Arena: Le Colisee (15,300)

President: Marcel Aubut

General Manager: Maurice Filion

Assistant General Manager: Martin Madden

Coach: Michel Bergeron

Assistant Coaches: Charles Thiffault, Simon Nolet

Chief Scout: George Armstrong

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Office: 5700 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Arena: The Checkerdome (17,967)

President: Harry Ornest

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Coach: Jacques Demers

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President, Managing Director: Harold Ballard

Chairman of the Board: Paul McNamara

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Coach: Mike Nykoluk

Assistant Coach: Dan Maloney

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Publicity Director: Stan Obodiac

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Office: 100 North Renfrew St., Vancouver, B.C. V5K 3N7

Arena: Pacific Coliseum (15,613)

Chairman: Frank A. Griffiths

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President: William Hughes

Vice-President: Jake Milford

General Manager: Harry Neale

Coach: Roger Neilson

Assistant Coach: Ron Smith

Director of Personnel: Larry Popein

Chief Scout: Jack McDonald

Public Relations Director: Norm Jewison

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

Office: Capital Center, Landover, Md. 20786

Arena: Capital Center (18,130)

President: Abe Pollin

Director: Peter O'Malley

General Manager: David Poile

Coach: Bryan Murray

Assistant Coach: Yvon Labre

Director of Player Recruitment: Jack Button

Director of Publicity: Lou Corletto

WINNIPEG JETS

Office: 15-1430 Maroons Rd., Winnipeg, Man. R3G 0L5

Arena: Winnipeg Arena (15,250)

Chairman of the Board: Bob Graham

President: Barry Shenkarow

General Manager: John Ferguson

Coach: Tom Watt

Assistant Coaches: Bill Sutherland, Barry Long

Director of Player Personnel: Mike Doran

Chief Scout: Les Binkley

Director of Public Relations: Don Ramsey

PART FOUR

HOCKEY'S HALL OF FAME

At his swashbuckling best, Bobby Hull was pure magic, truly the Golden Jet.

At a time when the National Hockey League considered a 50-goal season the next thing to superhuman, Hull had four in eight years with the Chicago Black Hawks. He was only the third player ever to hit 50, following Maurice (Rocket) Richard and Boom-Boom Geoffrion.

Handsome and friendly, Hull was the dazzling superstar of his era, both hero and heartthrob. And when, in 1972, he signed an enormous contract with Winnipeg Jets, he gave the World Hockey Association instant credibility. As a direct result of that action, the sport was altered forever. The WHA perished but its legacies are everywhere.

Hull blasted in 610 goals altogether over 16 seasons of NHL and WHA competition. His achievements were saluted last summer when he was nominated to the Hockey Hall of Fame, along with a long-time Chicago teammate, Stan Mikita, and Montreal Canadiens' superb goalie, Ken Dryden. Also added to the Hall, as a builder of hockey, was general manager Harry Sinden of the Boston Bruins.

A native of Point Anne, Ontario, Hull concluded his career with totals of 1,063 matches and 1,170 scoring points.

Mikita, born in Czechoslovakia and raised in St. Catharines, Ontario, surpassed Hull in some important categories and stands third on the main list of all NHL attackers. Gordie Howe is first and Phil Esposito second. Then comes Mikita. In 22 seasons with Hawks, he amassed 1,467 points. It took him 1,394 games to do so.

If Hull was the bombastic shooter of his time, Mikita was the crafty, gifted playmaker. He assisted on 926 goals altogether.

In comparison with the other two, Dryden's NHL stay was short and in that sense, quite extraordinary. A Torontonian, he went directly into professional hockey from Cornell University and keyed a Stanley Cup victory as an inexperienced rookie in the spring of 1971.

Dryden would participate in five more titles before retiring somewhat prematurely.

All told, he was awarded the Vezina Trophy, then given for the NHL's best goaltending statistics, on five occasions and supported those tributes with five all-star nominations. His goals-against average was an immaculate 2.24 a game over his entire career.

Sinden recorded two major coaching accomplishments before becoming Bruins' general manager during the 1972-73 season.

He directed the 1970 Bruins to the first Stanley Cup title the franchise had earned since 1941. And he was in charge of the first Team Canada, the one that defeated the Soviet Union in the initial summit showdown of international hockey competition in 1972. It was perhaps the most dramatic hockey series ever contested and Sinden was largely responsible for the outcome, forming a group of NHL luminaries into a tight, dedicated unit — really a team.

More recently, Sinden has assembled a new and excellent club for Boston, within a very short period of time. He has installed the foundation for excellence through the next decade, at least.

The Hockey Hall of Fame, with its permanent exhibits, is housed in its own building at Exhibition Place on the Toronto waterfront. Open all year, it is one of the city's most popular tourist attractions.

PLAYERS ELECTED TO THE HALL OF FAME

Abel, Sidney Gerald	Drinkwater, Charles Graham
Adams, John James	Dunderdale, Thomas
Apps, Charles Joseph Sylvanus	Durnan, William Ronald
Armstrong, George	Dutton, Mervyn A. "Red"
Bailey, Irvine "Ace"	Dye, Cecil Henry "Babe"
Bain, Donald	Farrell, Arthur F.
Baker, Hobart	Foyston, Frank
Barry, Martin	Frederickson, Frank
Bathgate, Andrew	Gadsby, William Alexander
Beliveau, Jean	Gardiner, Charles Robert
Benedict, Clinton	Gardiner, Herbert Martin "Herb"
Bentley, Douglas	Gardner, James Henry
Bentley, Maxwell	Geoffrion, Bernard "Boom Boom"
Blake, Hector "Toe"	Gerard, Eddie
Boon, Richard R. "Dickie"	Gilmour, Hamilton Livingstone "Billy"
Bouchard, Emile Joseph "Butch"	Goheen, Frank X. "Moose"
Boucher, Frank	Goodfellow, Ebenezer R. "Ebbie"
Boucher, George "Buck"	Grant, Michael "Mike"
Bower, John	Green, Wilfred "Shorty"
Bowie, Russell	Griffis, Silas Seth "Si"
Brimsek, Francis	Hainsworth, George
Broadbent, Harry L. "Punch"	Hall, Glenn Henry
Broda, Walter Edward "Turk"	Hall, Joseph Henry
Bucyk, John	Harvey, Douglas Norman
Burch, Billy	Hay, George
Cameron, Harold Hugh	Hern, William Milton "Riley"
Clancy, Francis Michael "King"	Hextall, Bryan
Clapper, Aubrey "Dit"	Holmes, Harry "Hap"
Cleghorn, Sprague	Hooper, Charles Thomas "Tom"
Colville, Neil MacNeil	Horner, George "Red"
Conacher, Charles W.	Horton, Miles Gilbert "Tim"
Connell, Alex	Howe, Gordon
Cook, William Osser	Howe, Sydney Harris
Coulter, Arthur Edmund	Hull, Robert Marvin
Cournoyer, Yvan	Hutton, John Bower
Cowley, William Mailes	Hyland, Harry M.
Crawford, Samuel "Rusty"	Irvin, James Dickenson "Dick"
Darragh, John Proctor	Jackson, Harvey "Busher"
Davidson, Allan M. "Scotty"	Johnson, Ernest "Moose"
Day, Clarence Henry "Hap"	Johnson, Ivan "Ching"
Delvecchio, Alex	Johnson, Thomas Christian
Denneny, Cyril "Cy"	Joliat, Aurel
Drillon, Gordon Arthur	Keats, Gordon "Duke"
Dryden, Ken	Kelly, Leonard Patrick "Red"

- Kennedy, Theodore "Teeder"
 Lach, Elmer James
 Lalonde, Edouard "Newsy"
 Laviolette, Jean Baptiste "Jack"
 Lehman, Hugh
 LeSueur, Percy
 Lindsay, Ted
 Lumley, Harry
 MacKay, Duncan "Mickey"
 Mahovich, Frank
 Malone, Joe
 Mantha, Sylvio
 Marshall, John "Jack"
 Maxwell, Fred G.
 McGee, Frank
 McGimsie, William George
 McNamara, George
 Mikita, Stan
 Moore, Richard Winston
 Moran, Patrick Joseph
 Morenz, Howie
 Mosienko, William "Billy"
 Nighbor, Frank
 Noble, Edward Reginald "Reg"
 Oliver, Harry
 Orr, Robert G. "Bobby"
 Patrick, Lester
 Patrick, Lynn
 Phillips, Tommy
 Pilote, Joseph Albert Pierre
 Pitre, Didier "Pit"
 Plante, Jacques
 Pratt, Walter "Babe"
 Primeau, A. Joseph
 Pronovost, Marcel
 Pulford, Harvey
 Quackenbush, Hubert George
 Rankin, Frank
 Rayner, Claude Earl "Chuck"
 Reardon, Kenneth Joseph
 Richard, Henri
 Richard, Maurice "Rocket"
 Richardson, George Taylor
 Roberts, Gordon
 Ross, Arthur Howie
 Russel, Blair
 Russell, Ernest
 Ruttan, J.D. "Jack"
 Sawchuk, Terrance "Terry"
 Scanlan, Fred
 Schmidt, Milton Conrad
 Schriener, David "Sweeney"
 Seibert, Earl Walter
 Seibert, Oliver Levi
 Shore, Edward W. "Eddie"
 Siebert, Albert C. "Babe"
 Simpson, "Bullet Joe"
 Smith, Alfred E.
 Smith, Reginald "Hooley"
 Smith, Thomas
 Stanley, Allan
 Stanley, Russell "Barney"
 Stewart, John "Black Jack"
 Stewart, Nelson "Nels"
 Stuart, Bruce
 Stuart, Hod
 Taylor, Frederick "Cyclone"
 Thompson, Cecil R. "Tiny"
 Trihey, Col. Harry J.
 Ullman, Norman
 Vezina, Georges
 Walker, John Phillip
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 Watson, Harry E.
 Weiland, Ralph "Cooney"
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